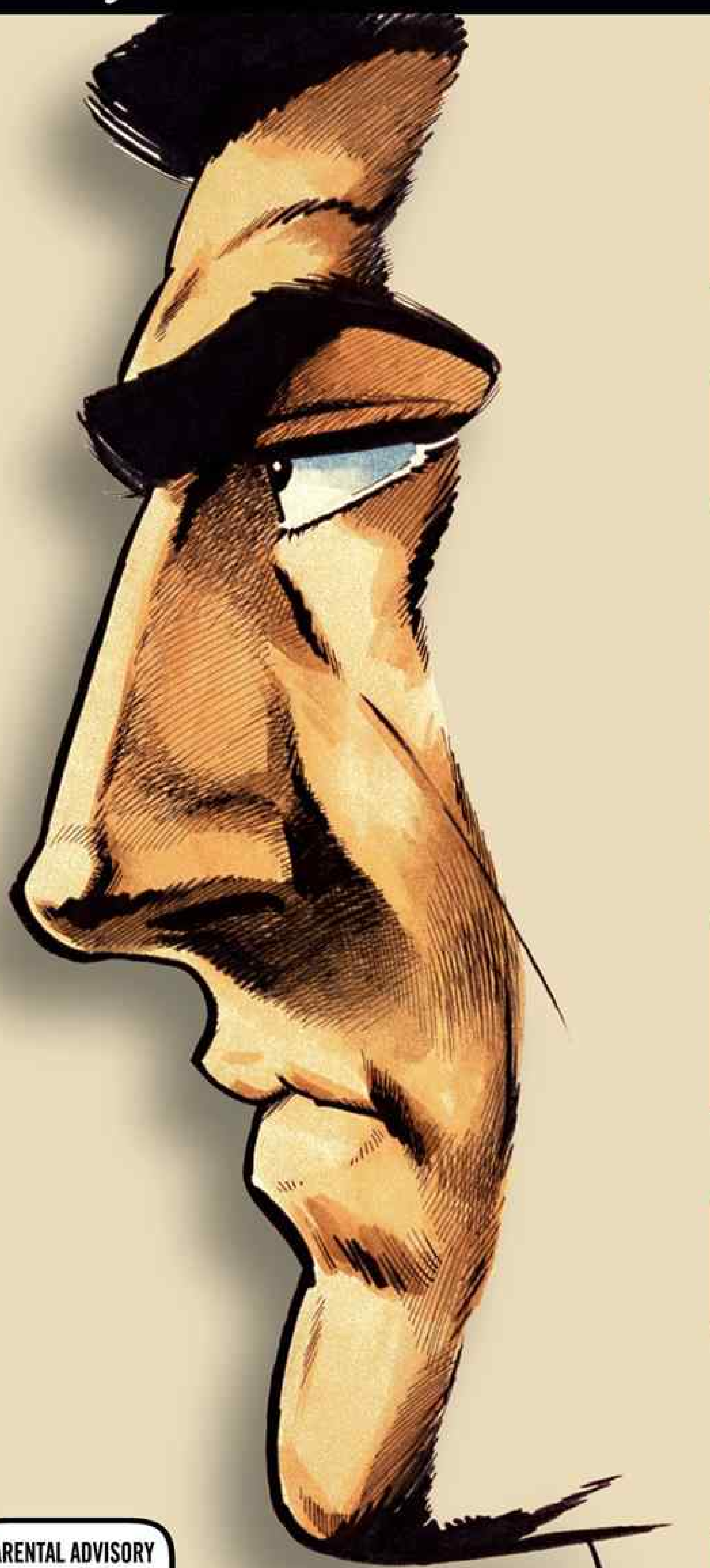


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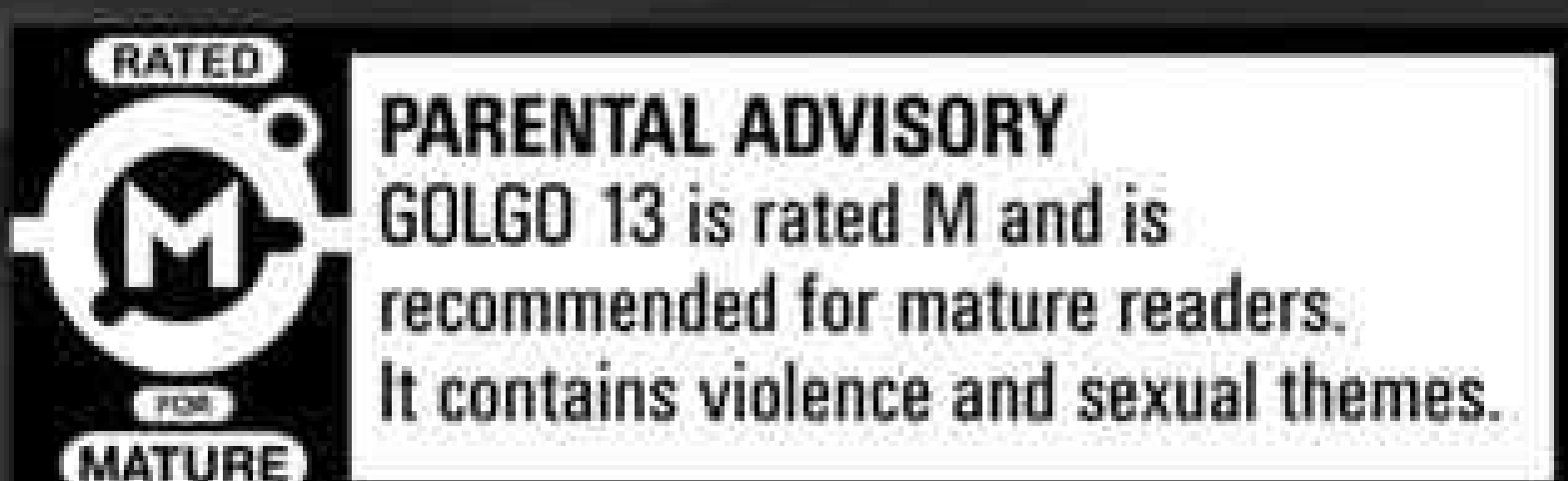
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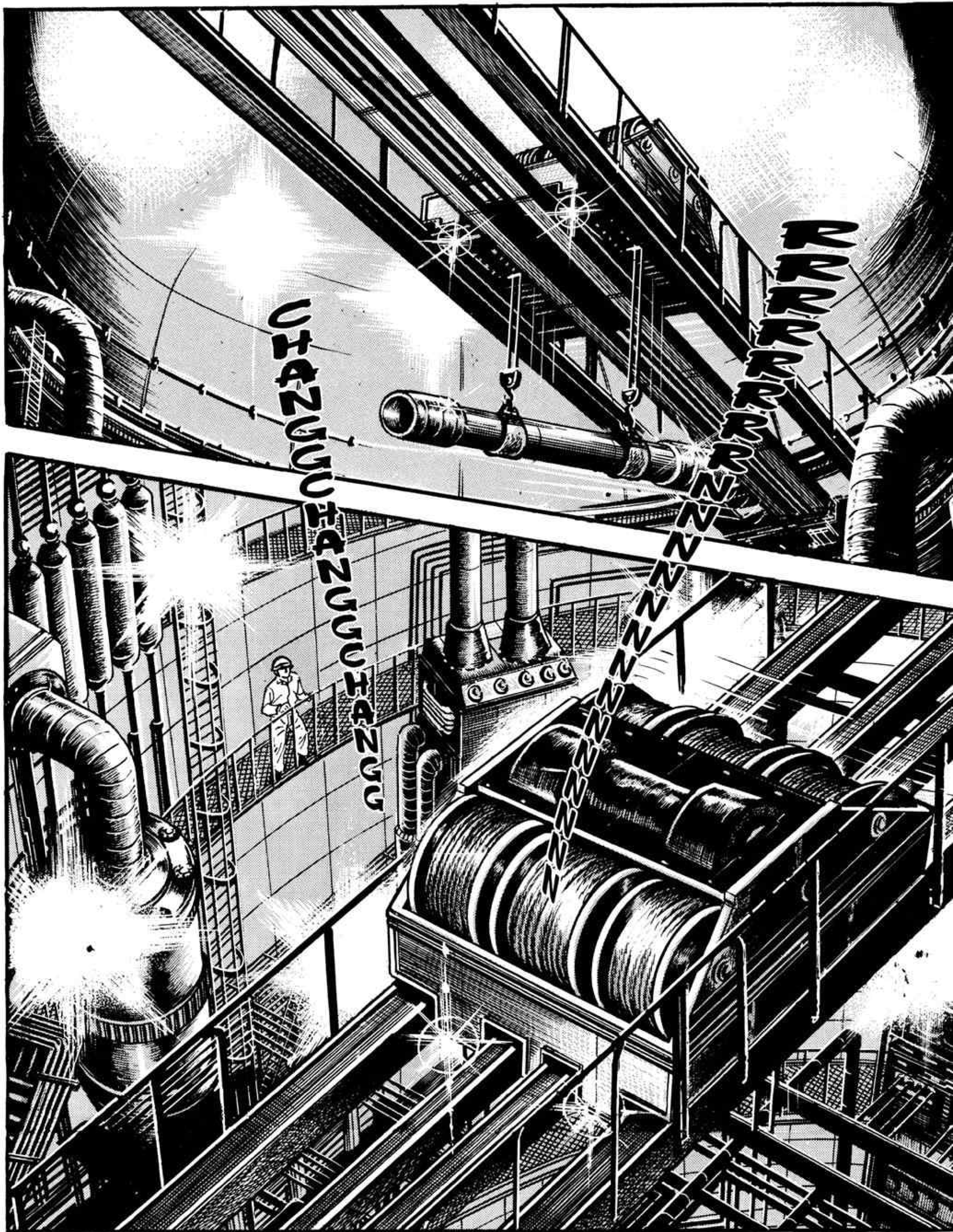
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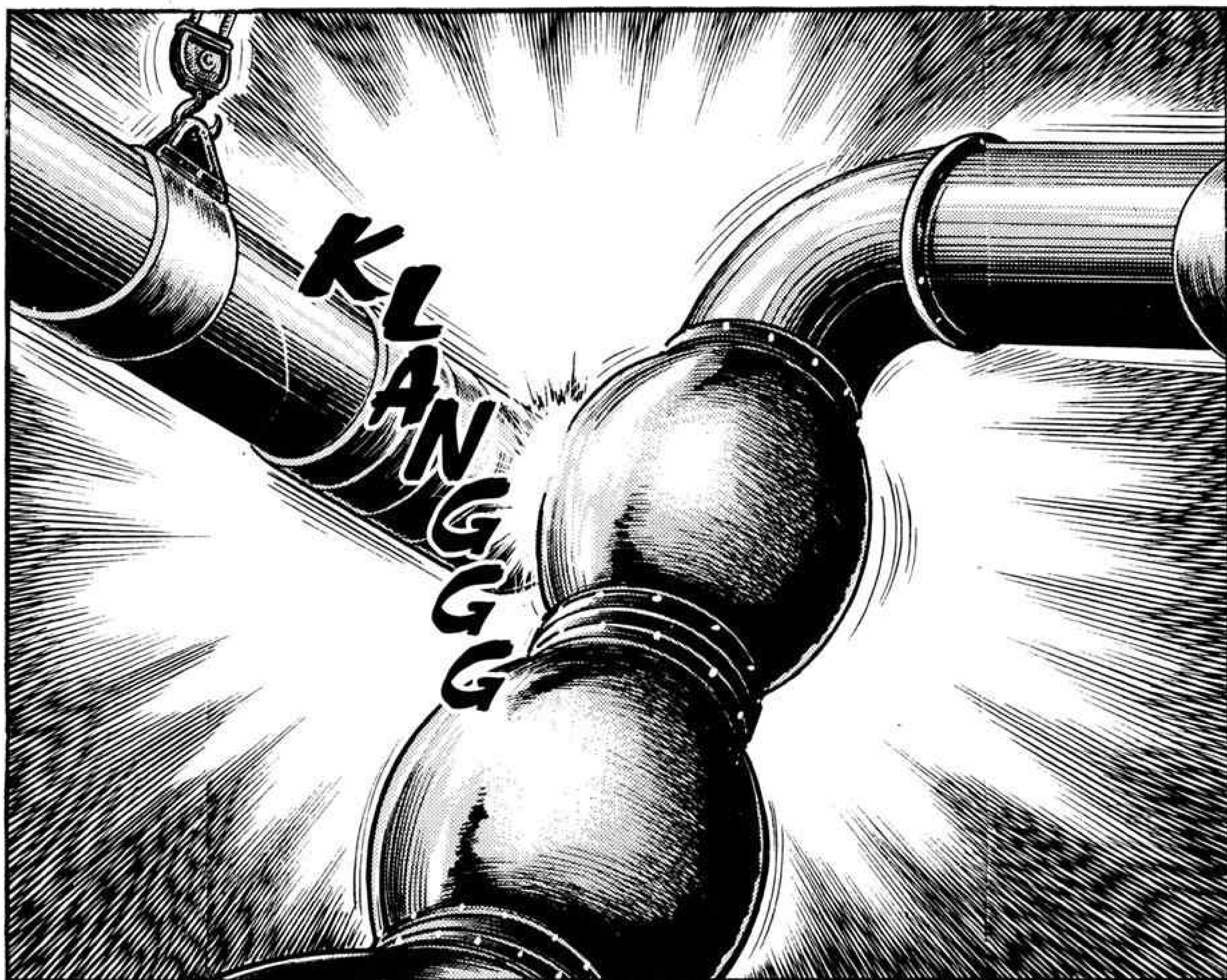
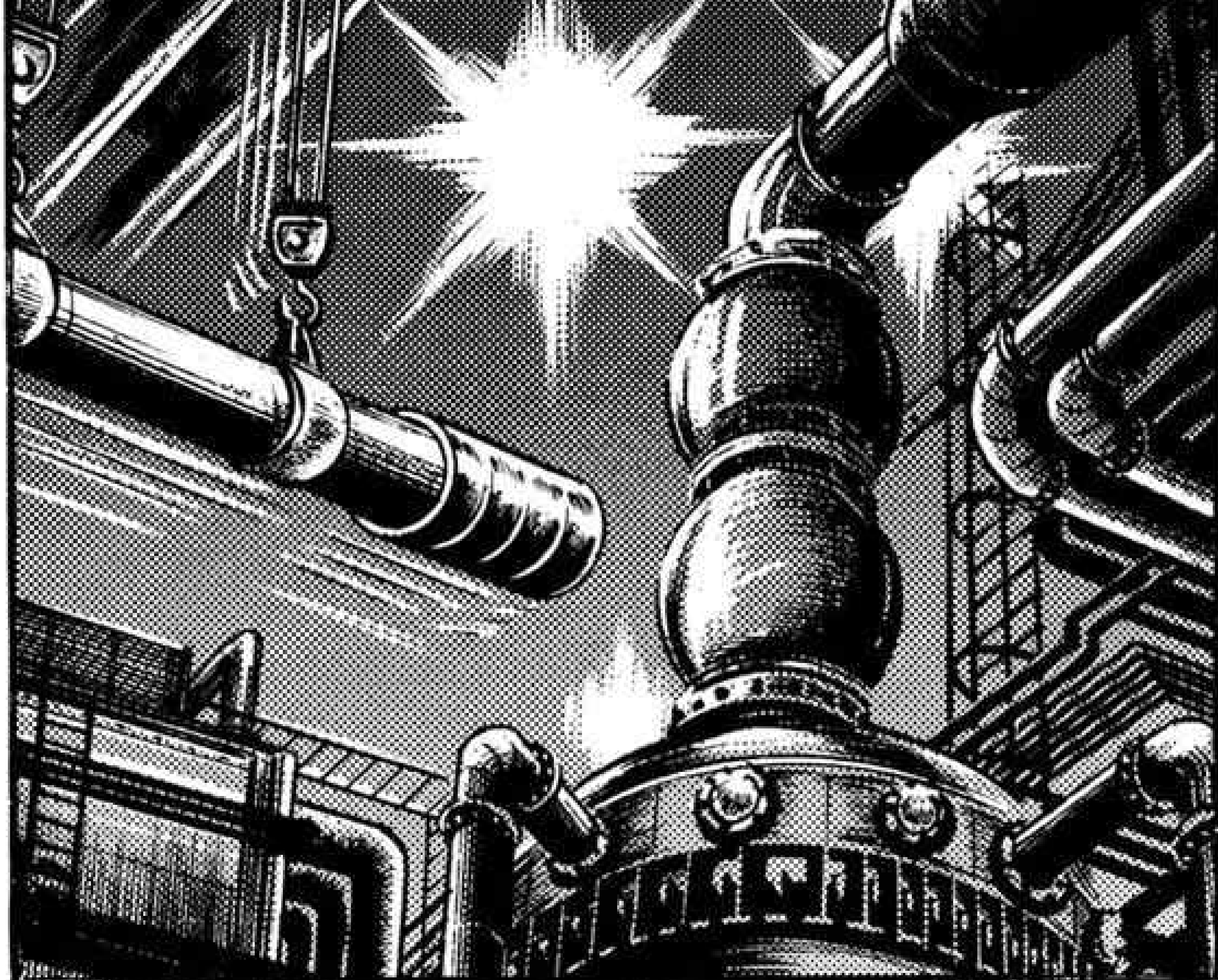
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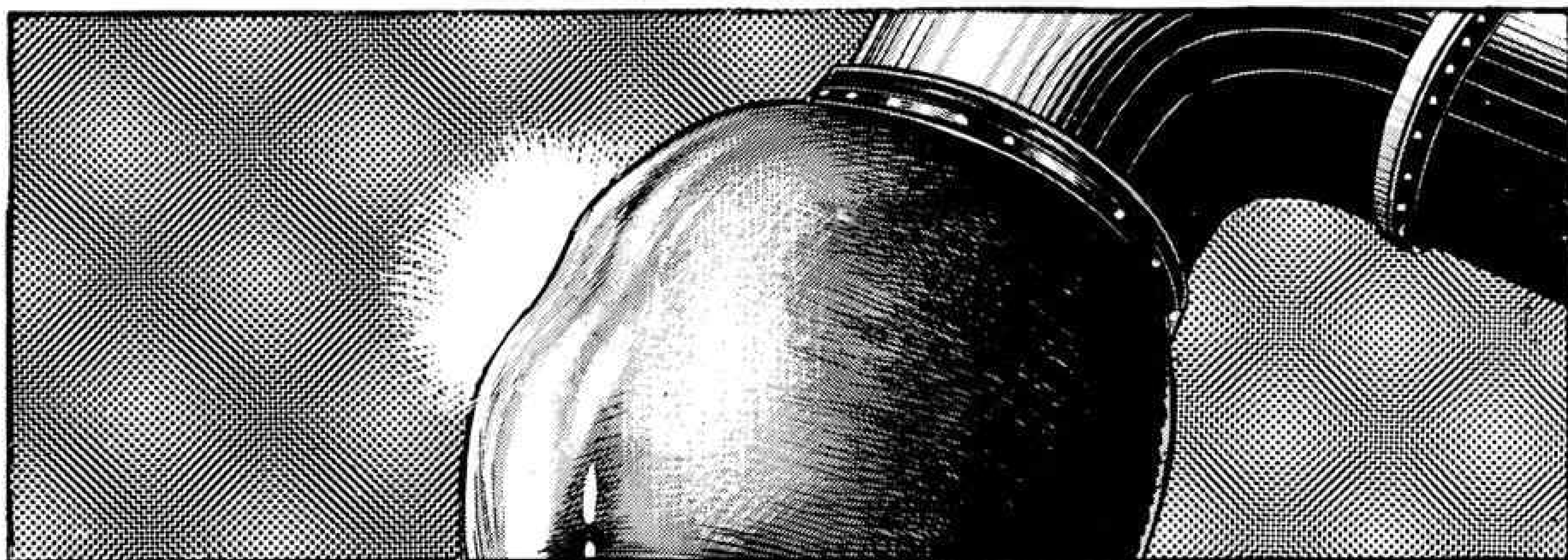
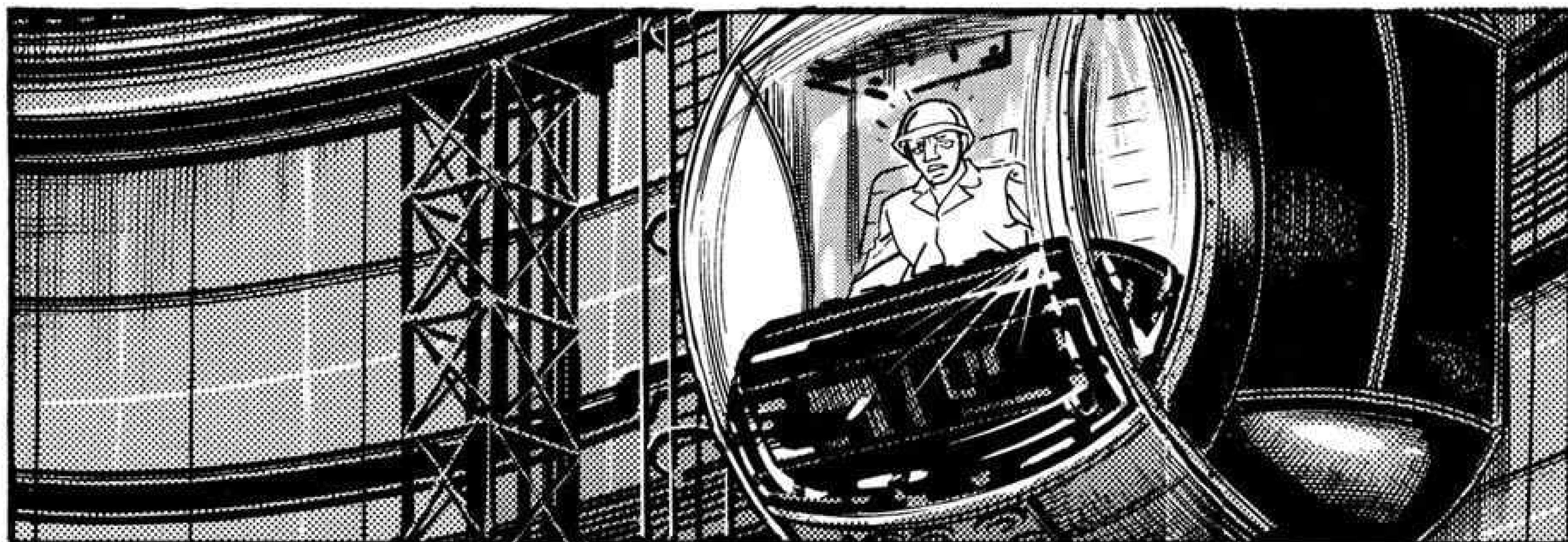


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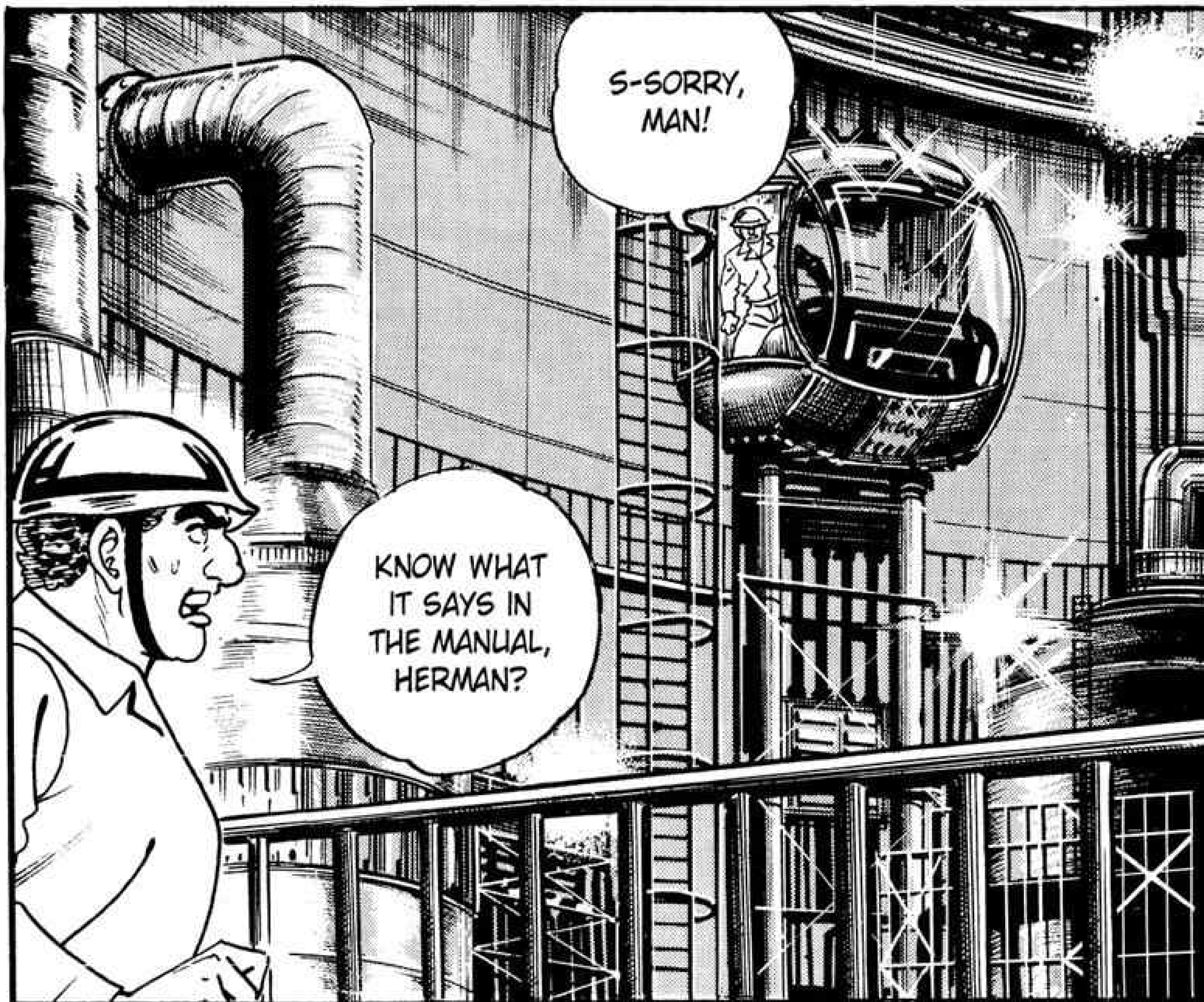






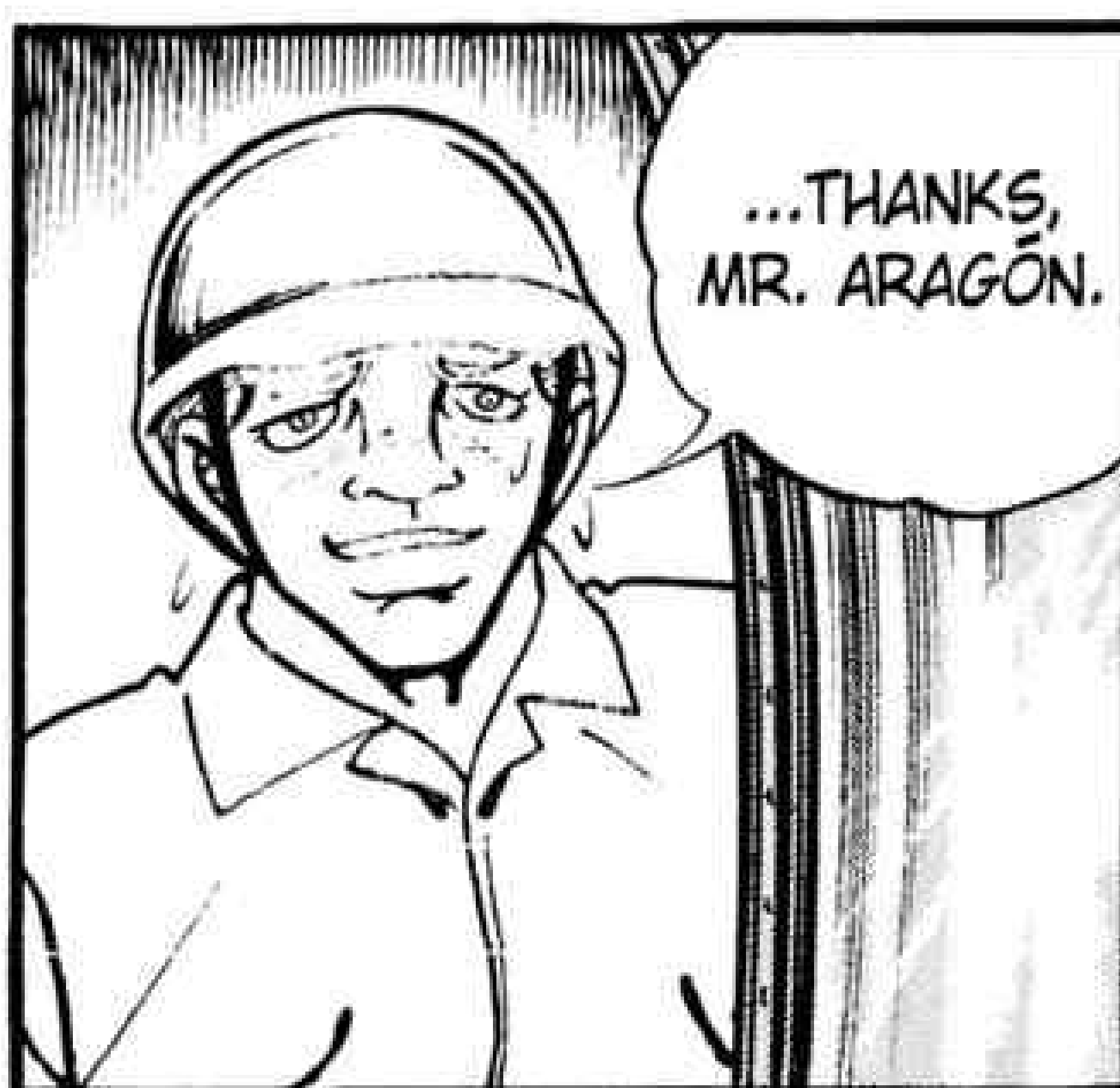
...ONLY
AFTER
CHECKING
THE LENGTH
OF THE
CHAIN LOCK.

Y-YEAH...
MOVE THE
CRANE...



S-SORRY,
MAN!

KNOW WHAT
IT SAYS IN
THE MANUAL,
HERMAN?

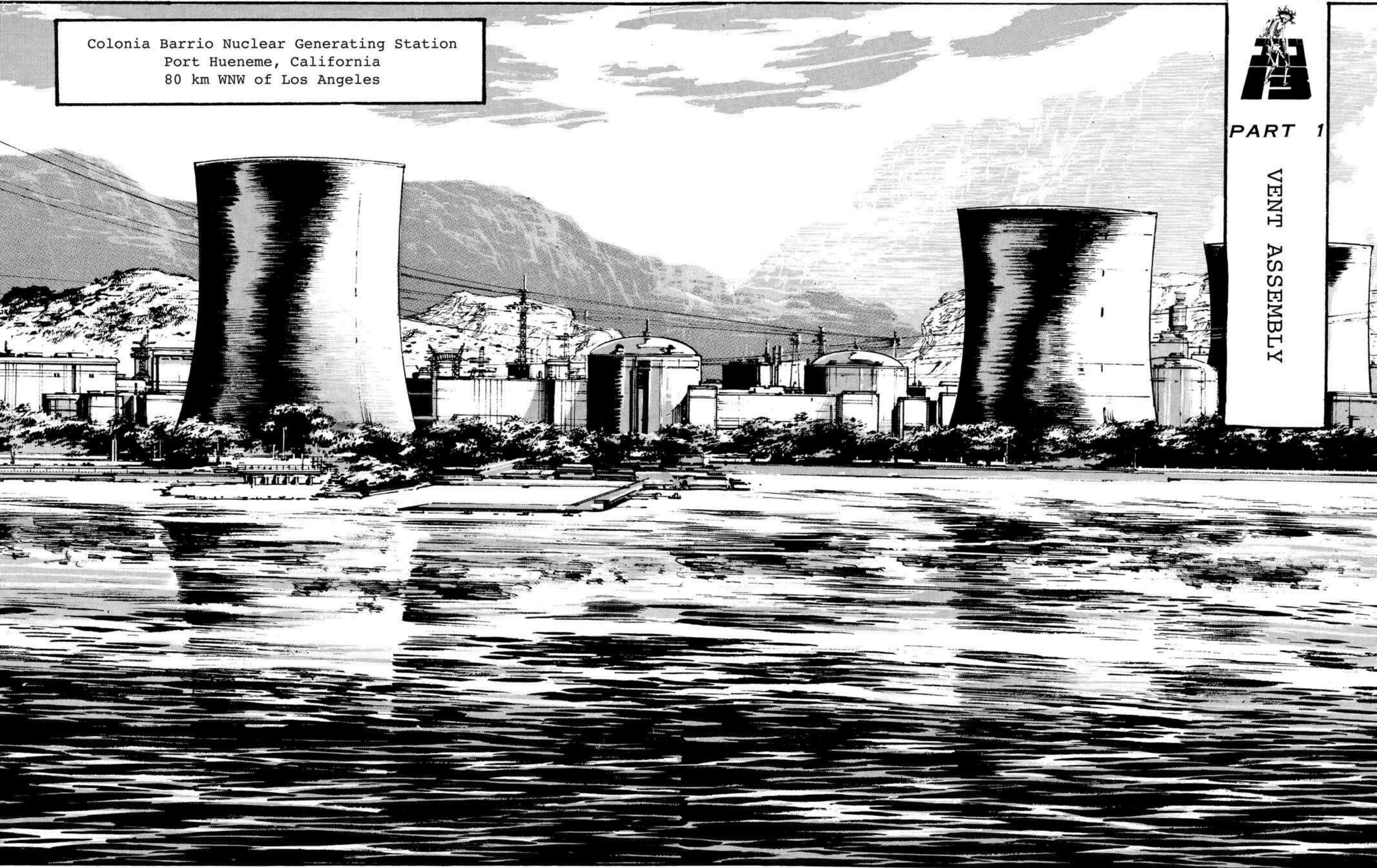


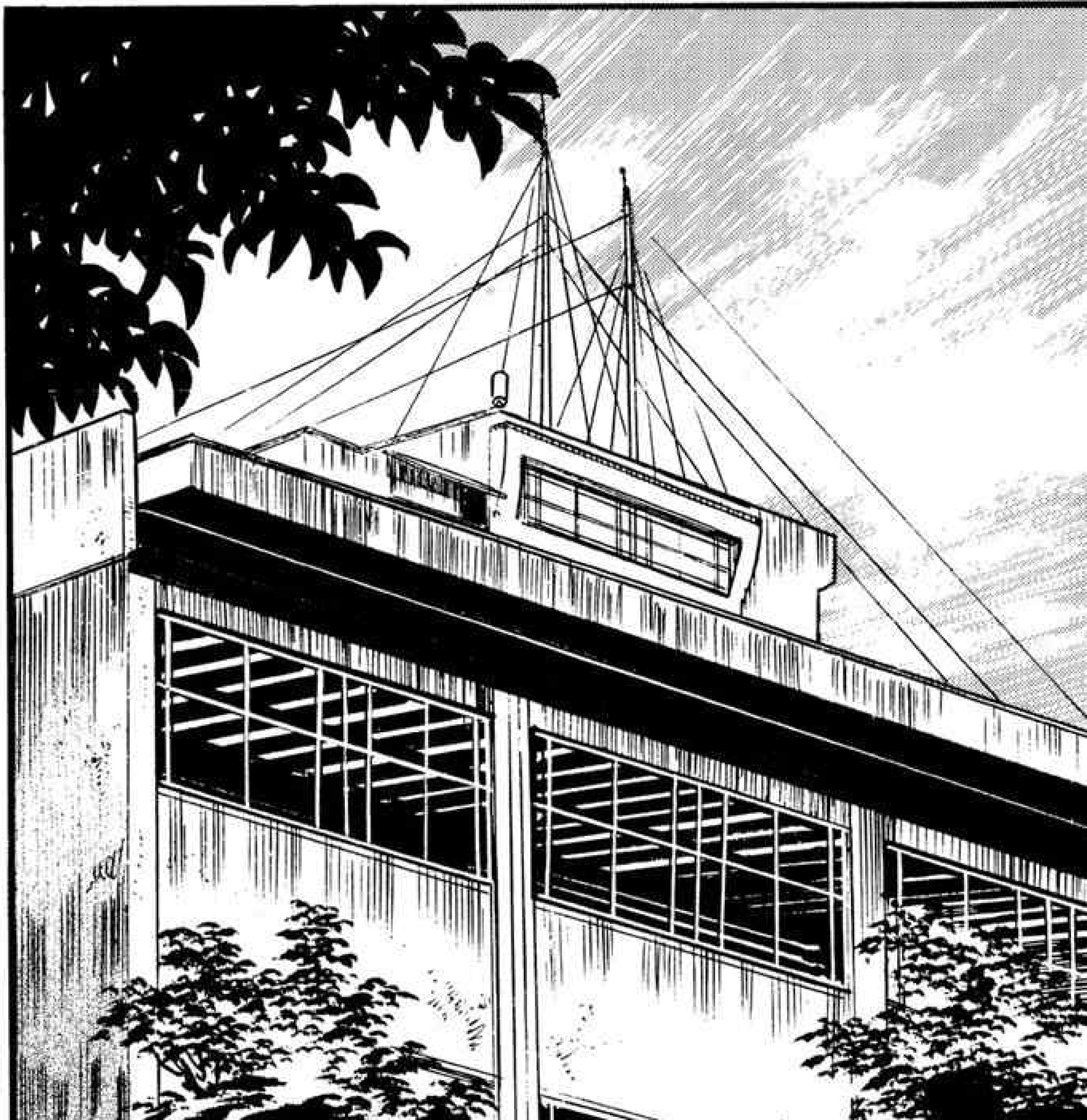
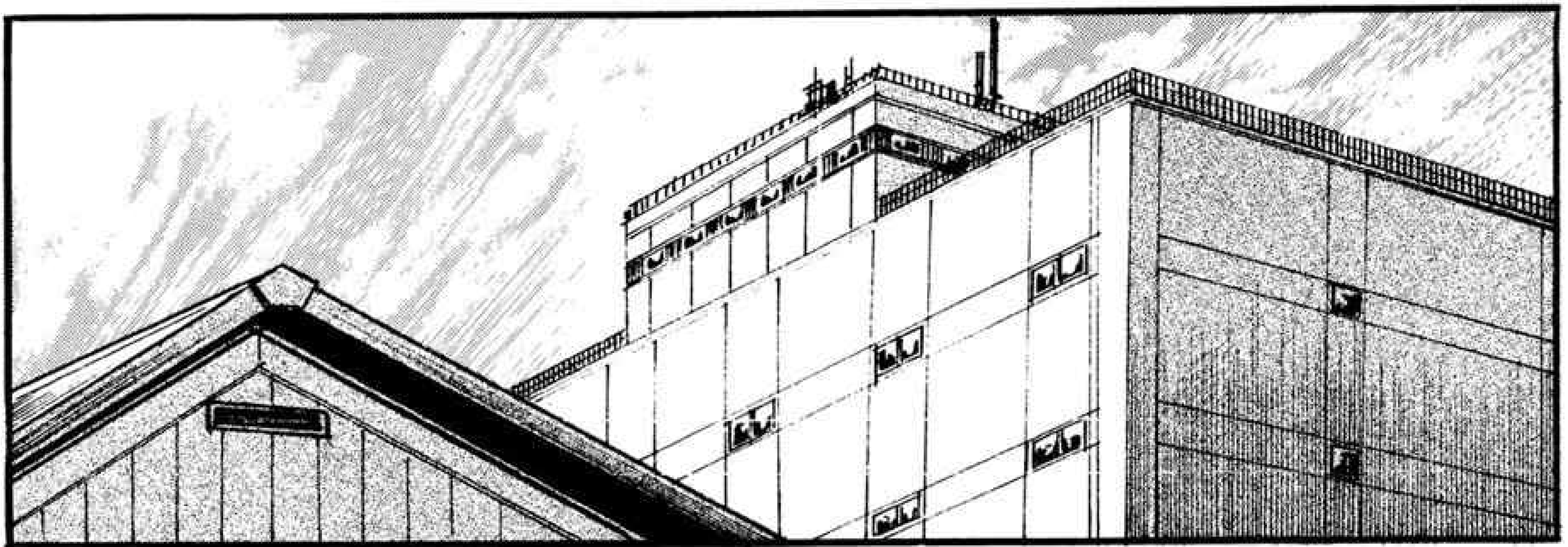
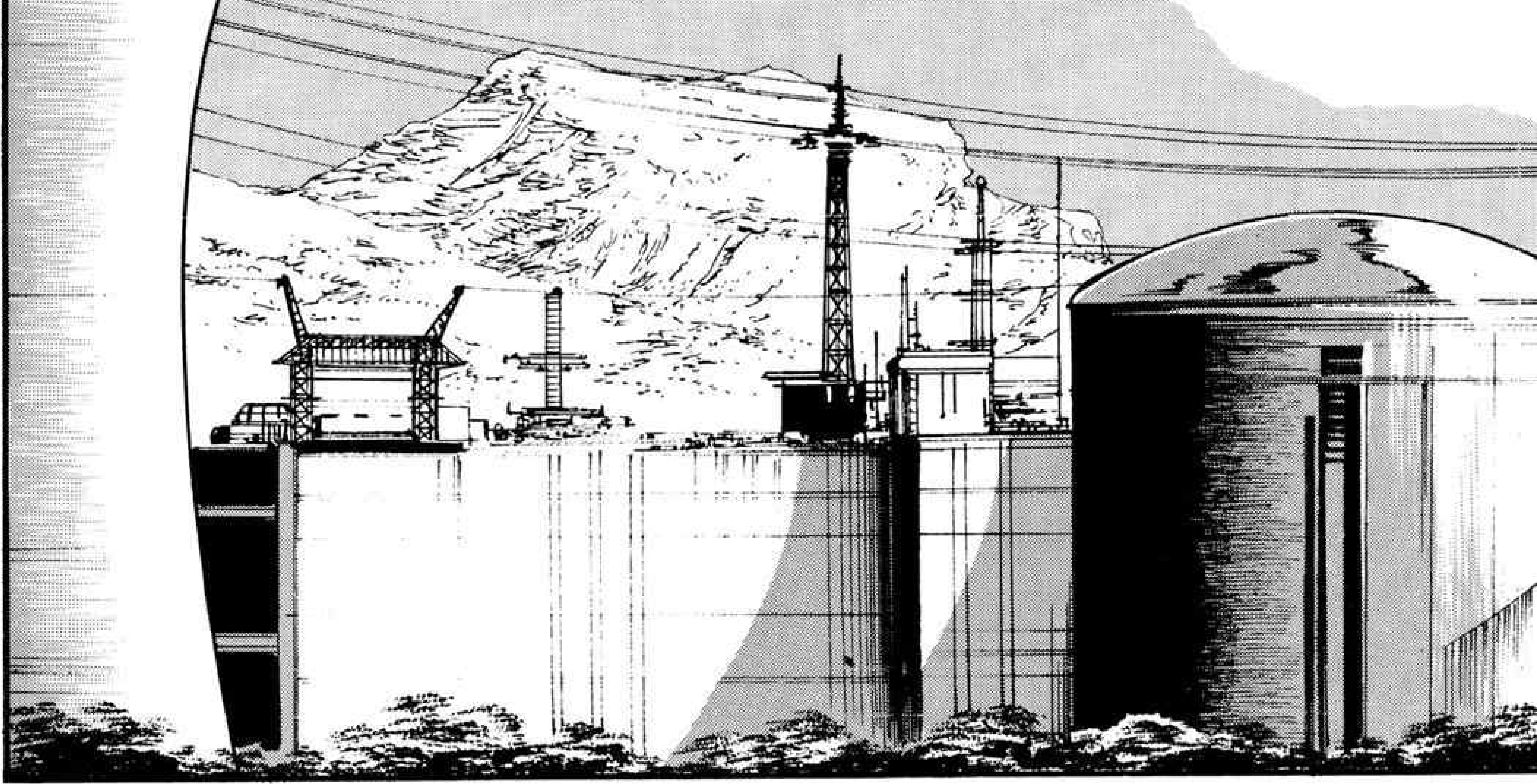
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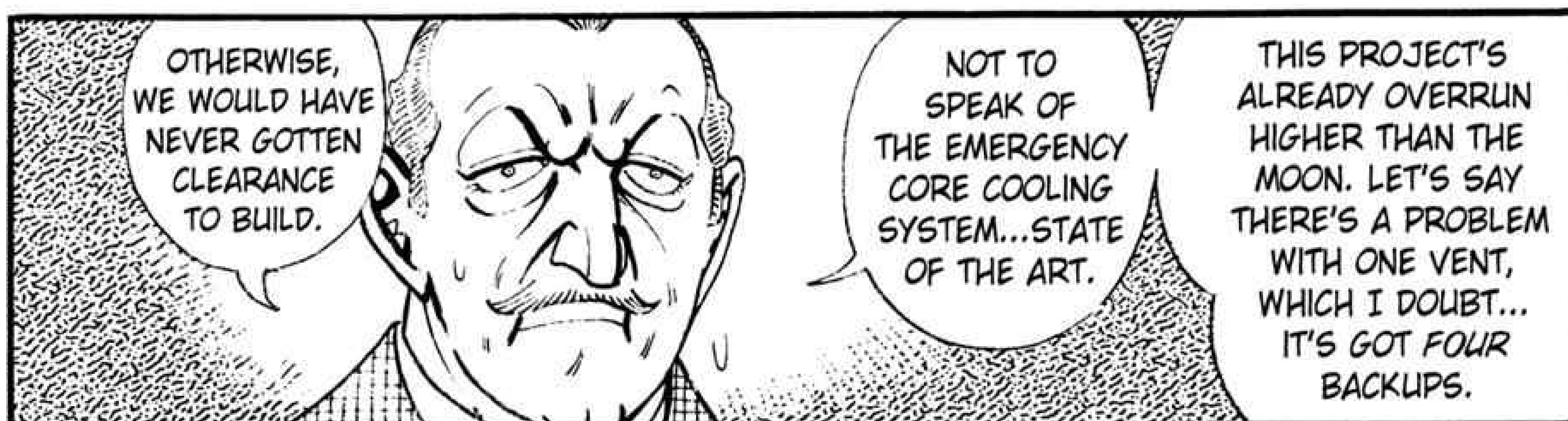
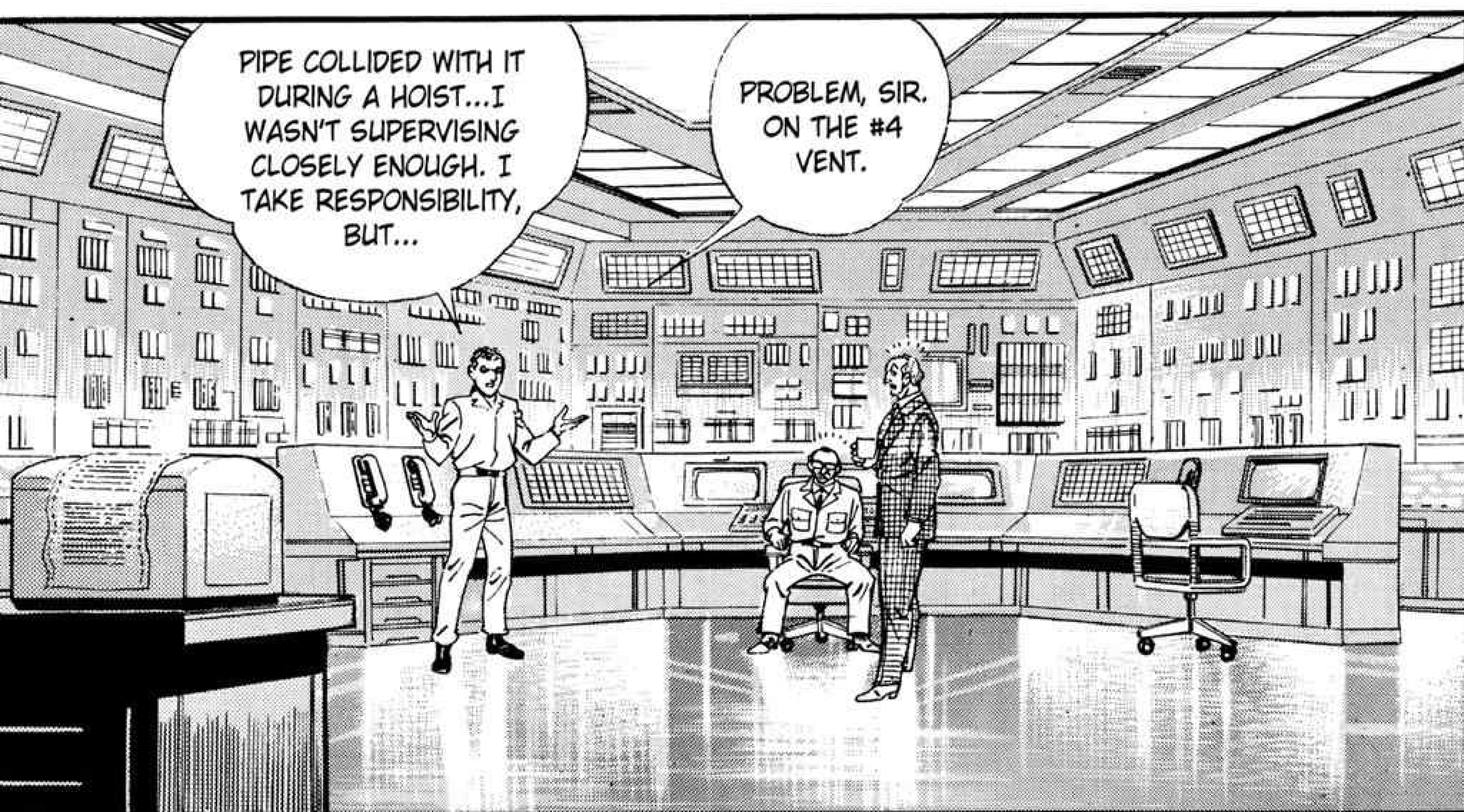


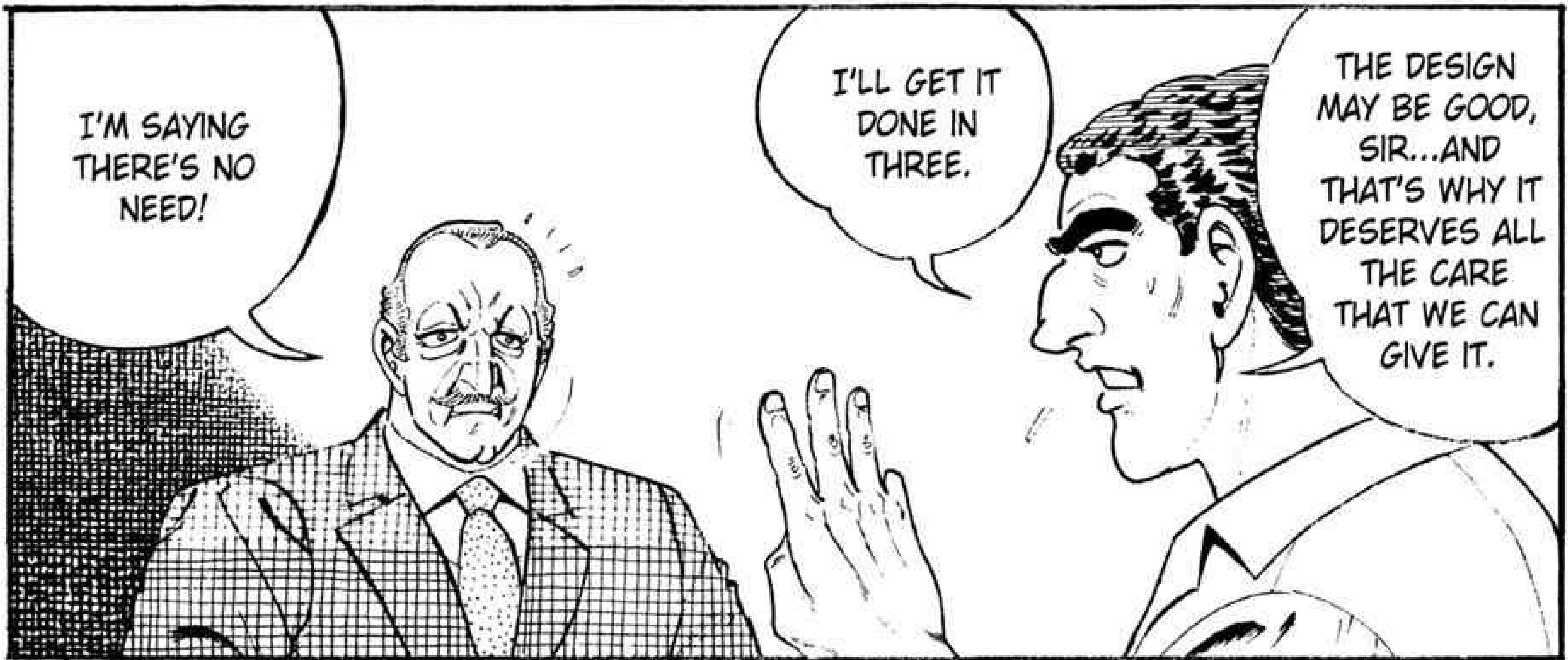
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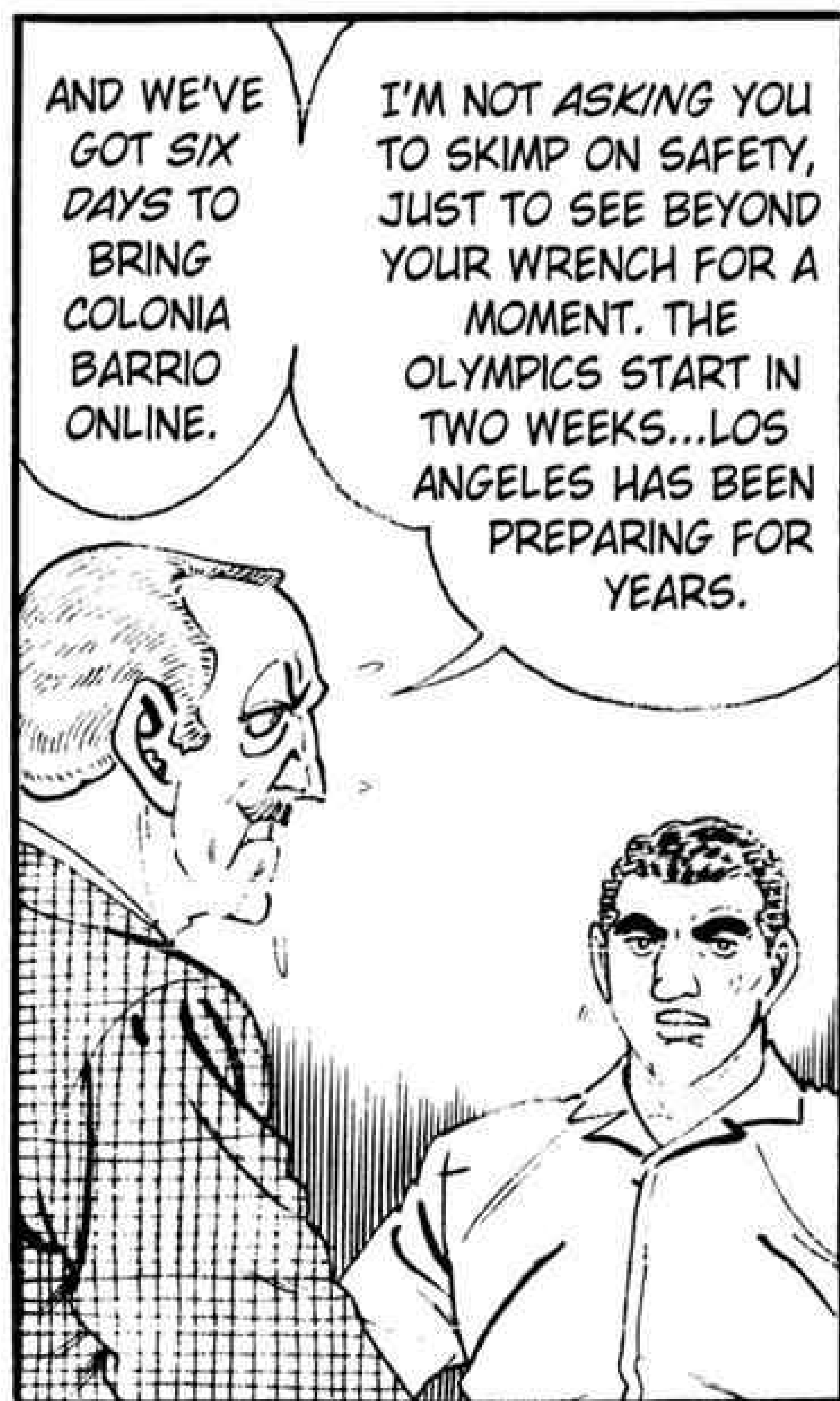




I'M SAYING
THERE'S NO
NEED!

I'LL GET IT
DONE IN
THREE.

THE DESIGN
MAY BE GOOD,
SIR...AND
THAT'S WHY IT
DESERVES ALL
THE CARE
THAT WE CAN
GIVE IT.



AND WE'VE
GOT SIX
DAYS TO
BRING
COLONIA
BARRIO
ONLINE.

I'M NOT ASKING YOU
TO SKIMP ON SAFETY,
JUST TO SEE BEYOND
YOUR WRENCH FOR A
MOMENT. THE
OLYMPICS START IN
TWO WEEKS...LOS
ANGELES HAS BEEN
PREPARING FOR
YEARS.

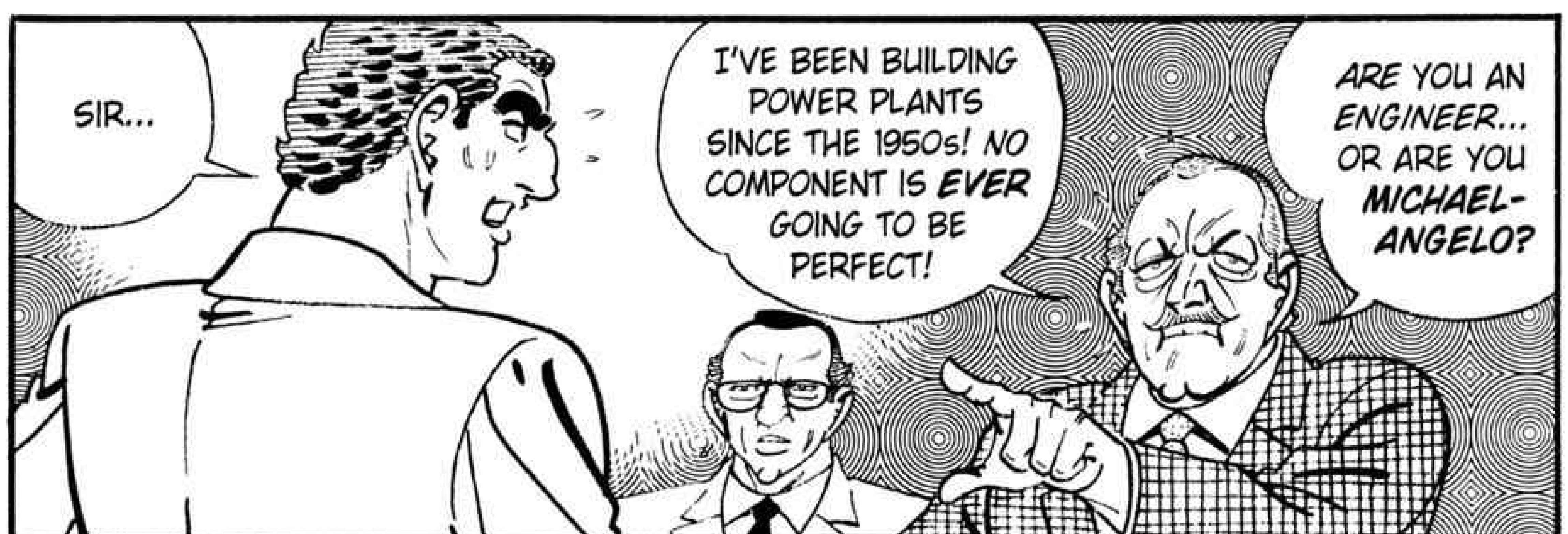
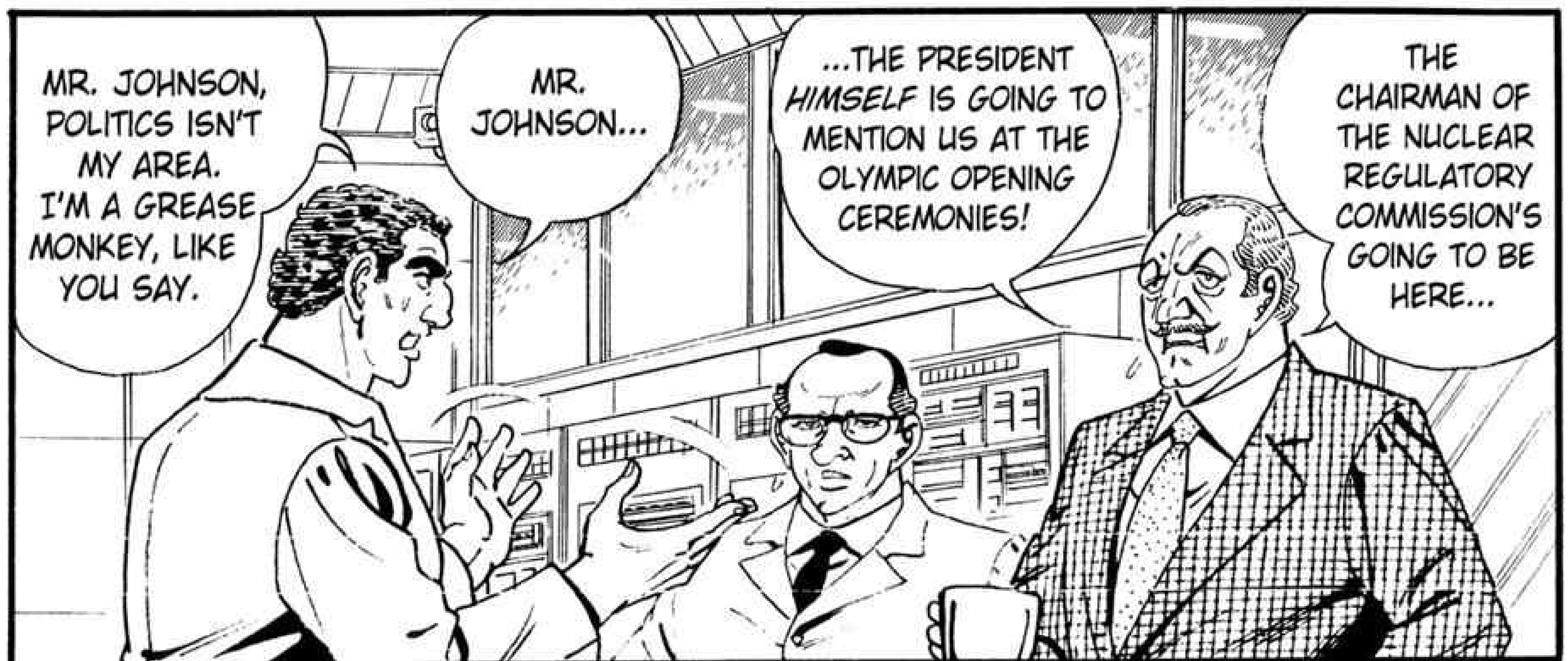


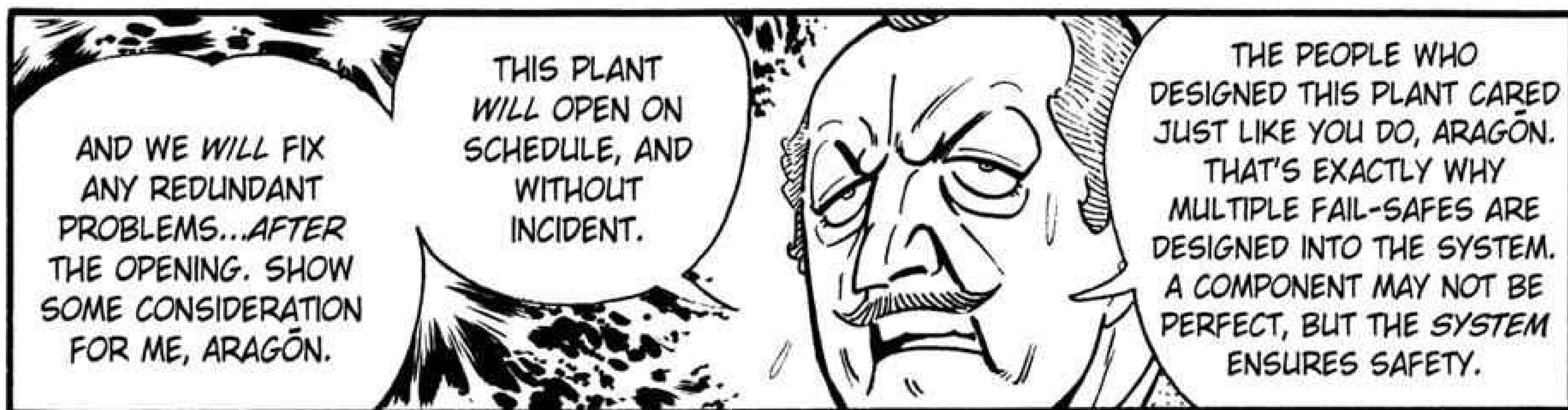
HOW ABOUT IT,
MR. JOHNSON?
THIS ISN'T THE
ONLY THING THAT
COULD USE SOME
CHECKING...

ARAGÓN...
I KNOW YOU WEREN'T
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THAT CRANE--
I APPRECIATE YOU
COMING STRAIGHT
TO US.
THREE DAYS?

PALMER,
YOU TOO?!
NOW, DON'T
GANG UP ON
ME, FRIEND.





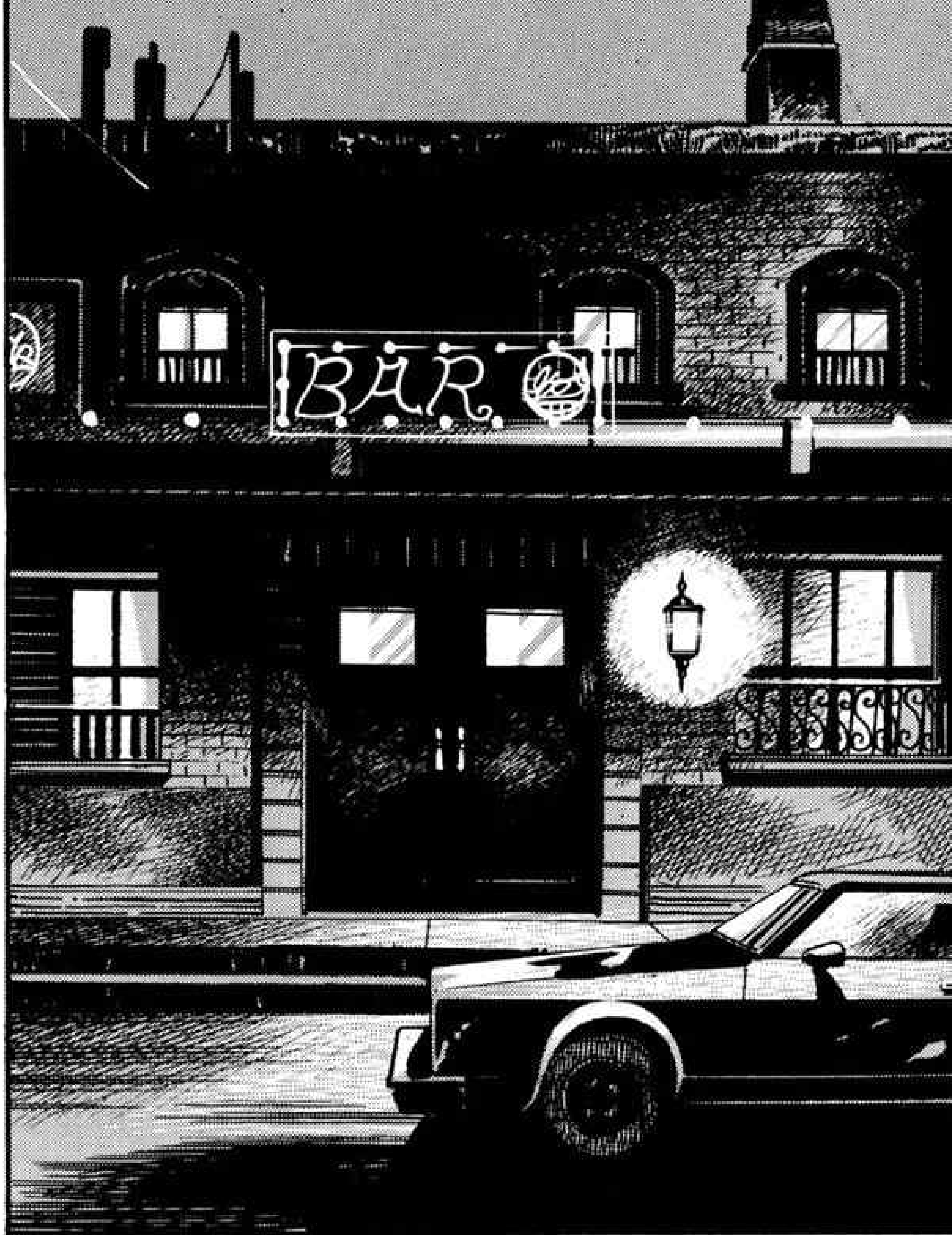




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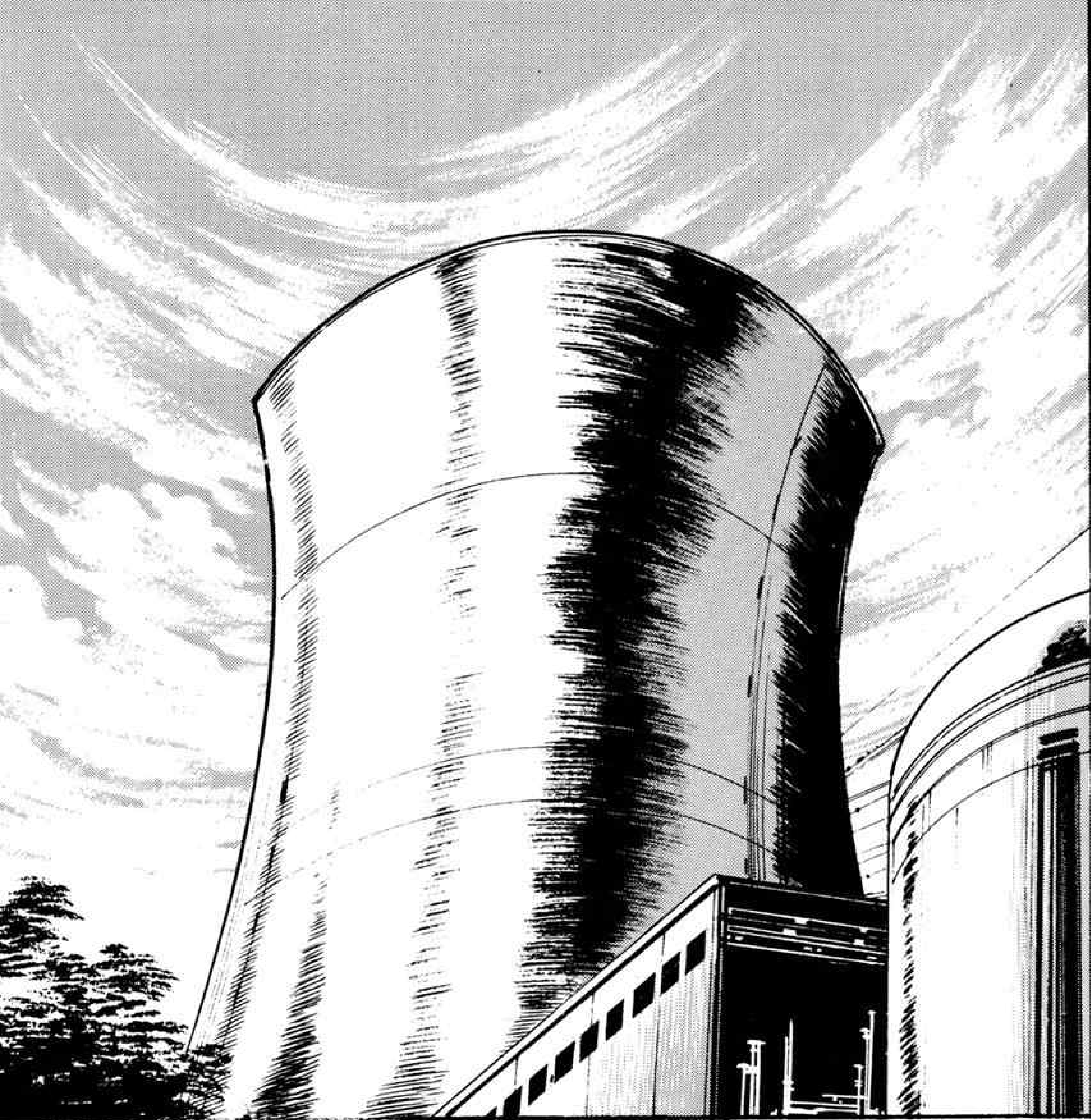
NUCLEAR TOWN











PART 3

TEST RUN





...AREN'T YOU ON GRAVEYARD SHIFT TODAY?

WAIT A SEC...

HEY, MIGUEL!
UNIT 1 IS TESTING
AT 20% POWER.
NO ANOMALIES.

SO, TED.
HOW'S "SHE"
FEELING?



WELL, I
GOT A
LITTLE
WORRIED.



AGAIN?
IT'S PROBABLY
THE SALT FILTER.
WE JUST FIXED IT
YESTERDAY...

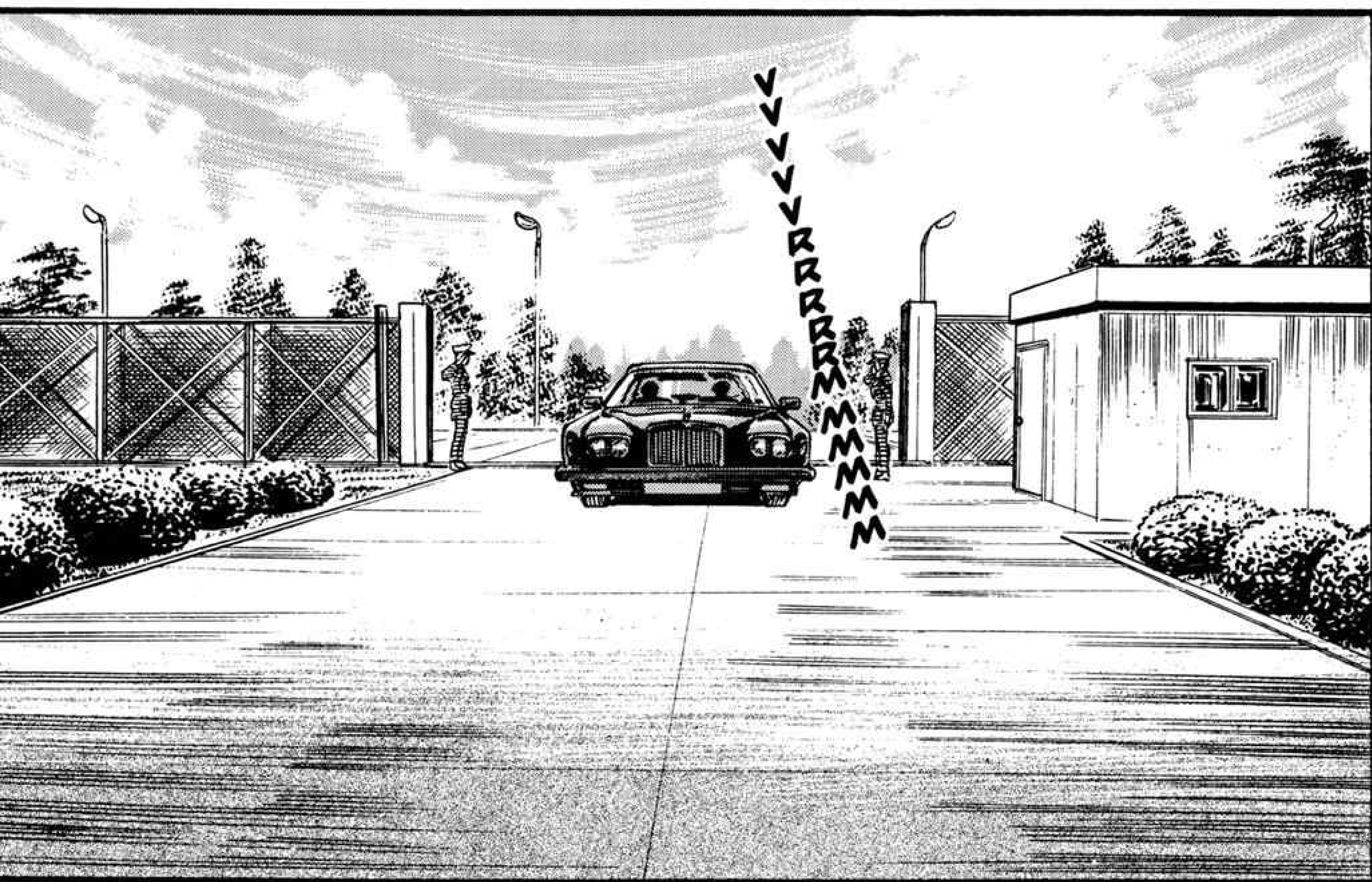
COMPTON!
CHECK THE
SALT FILTER!!

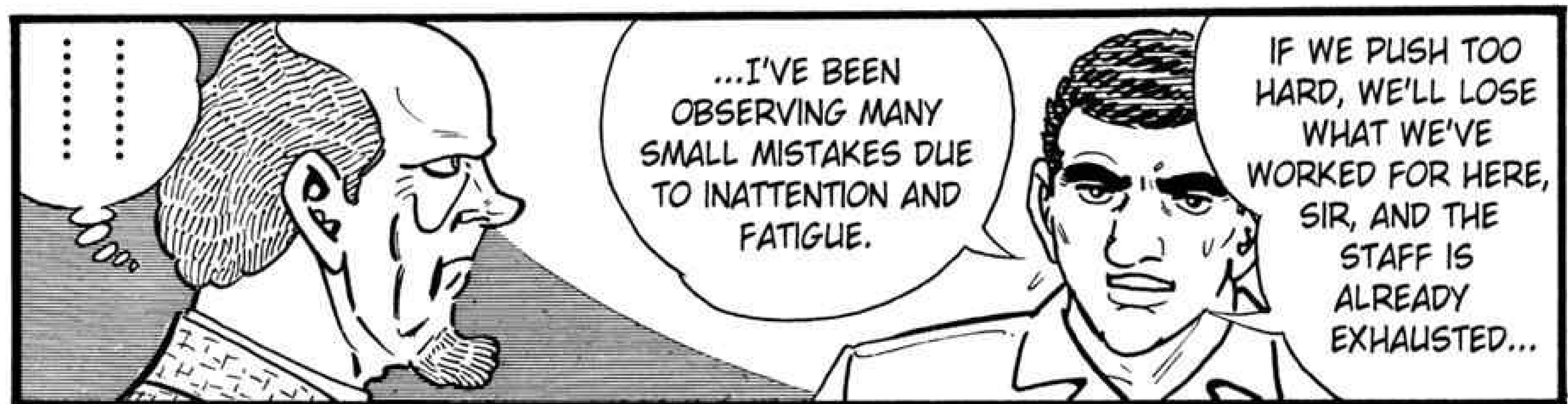
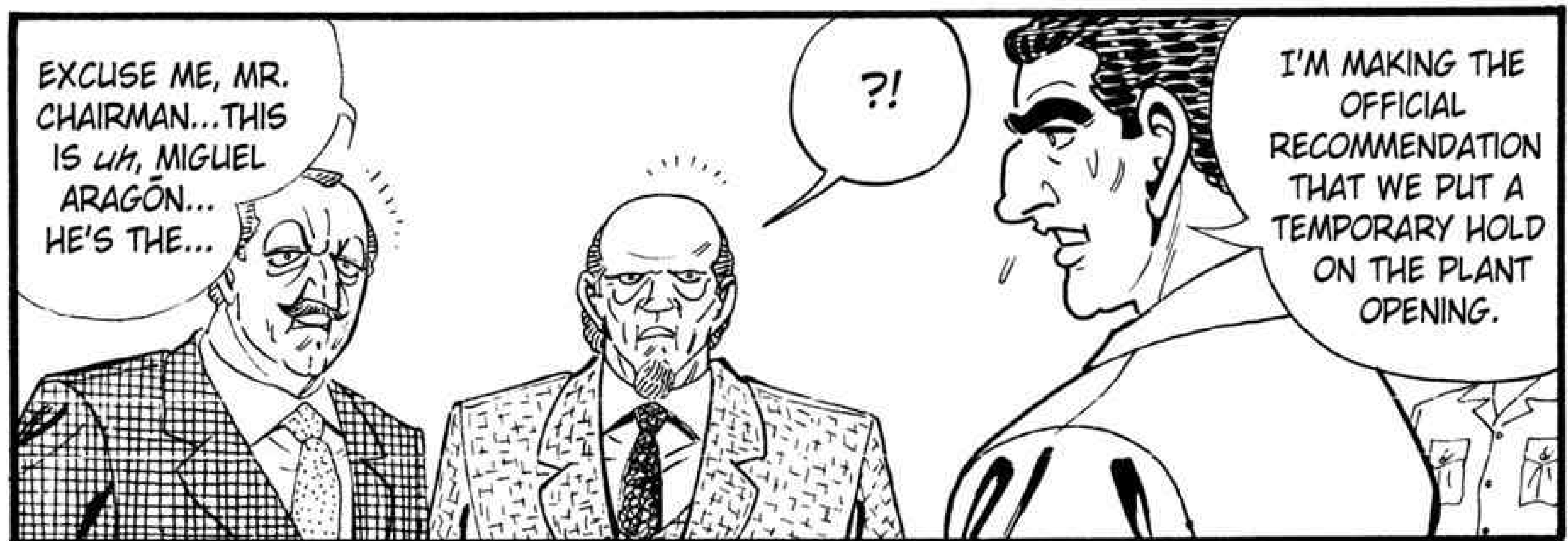
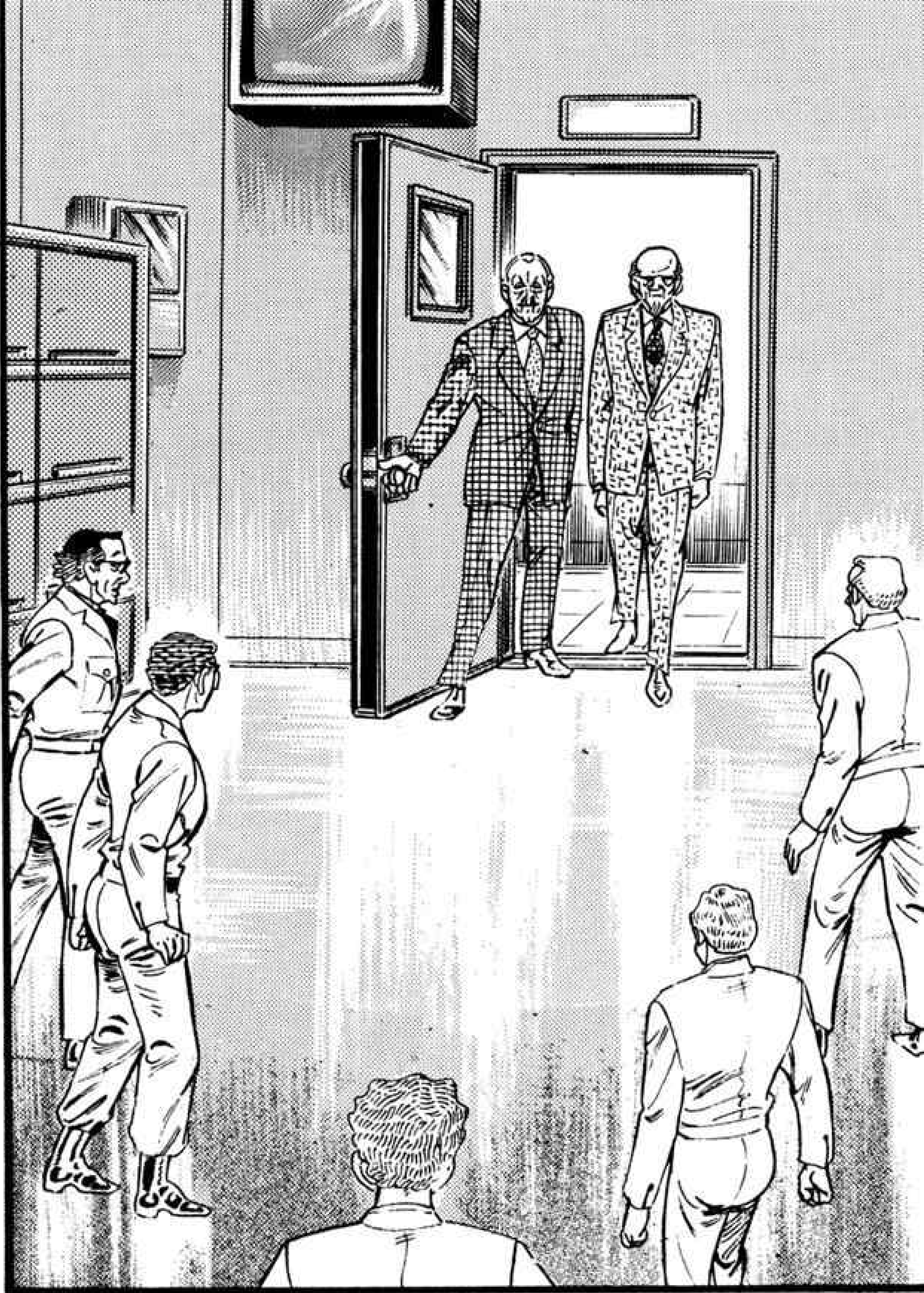


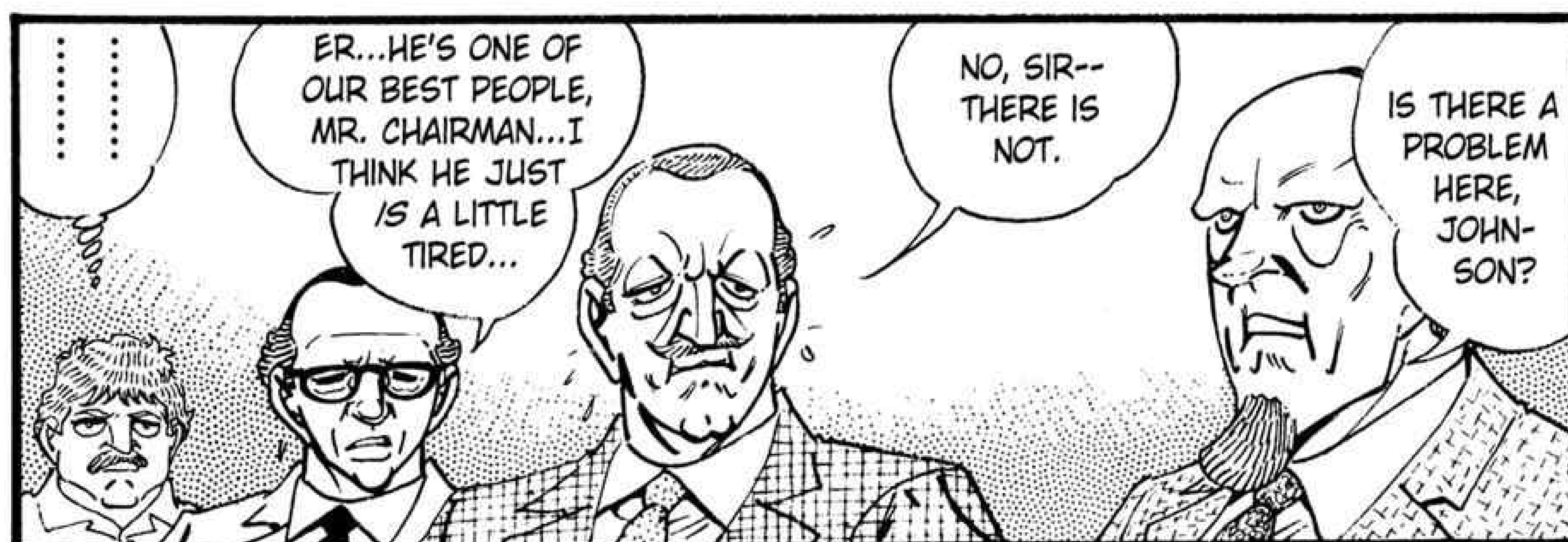
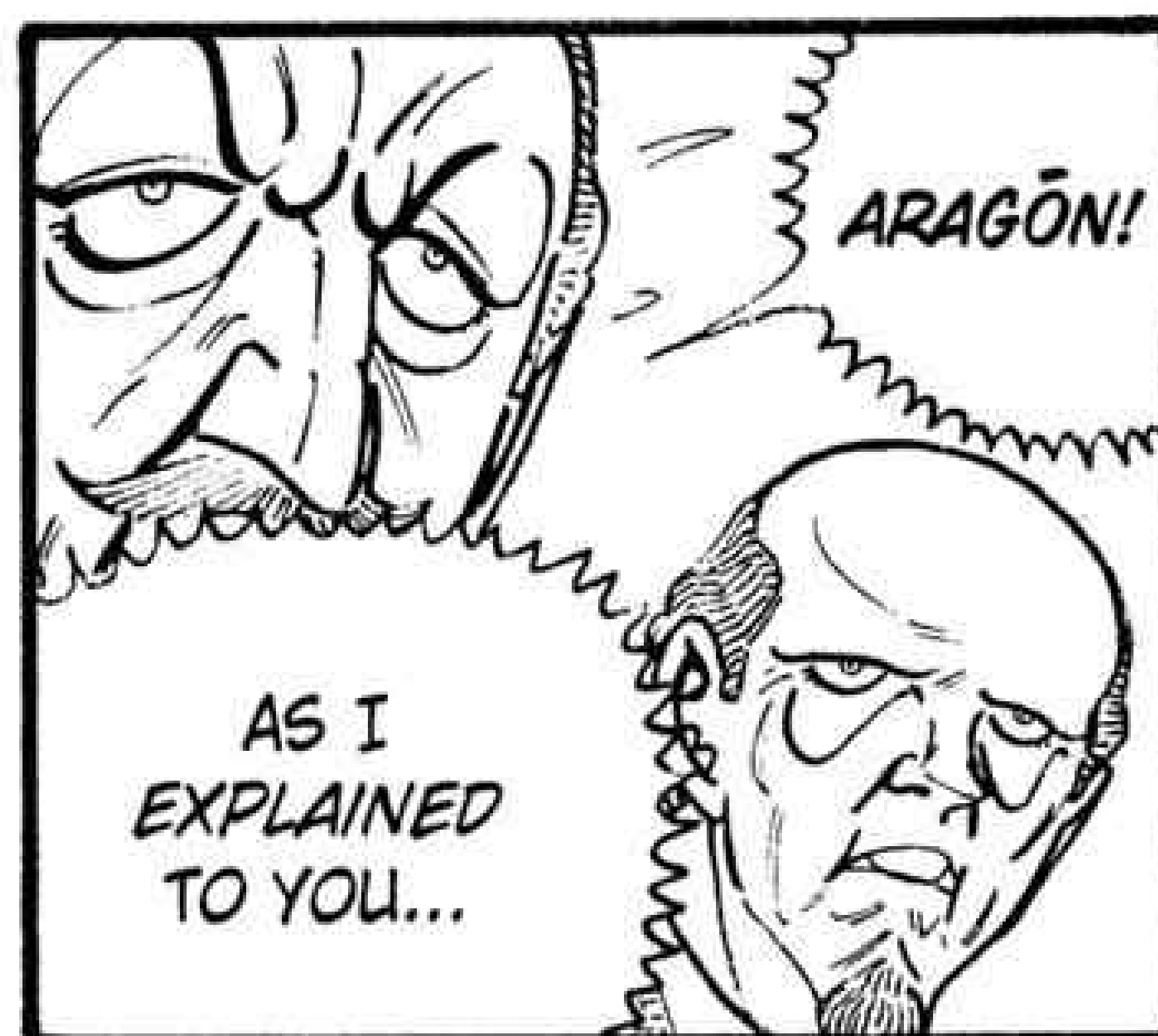
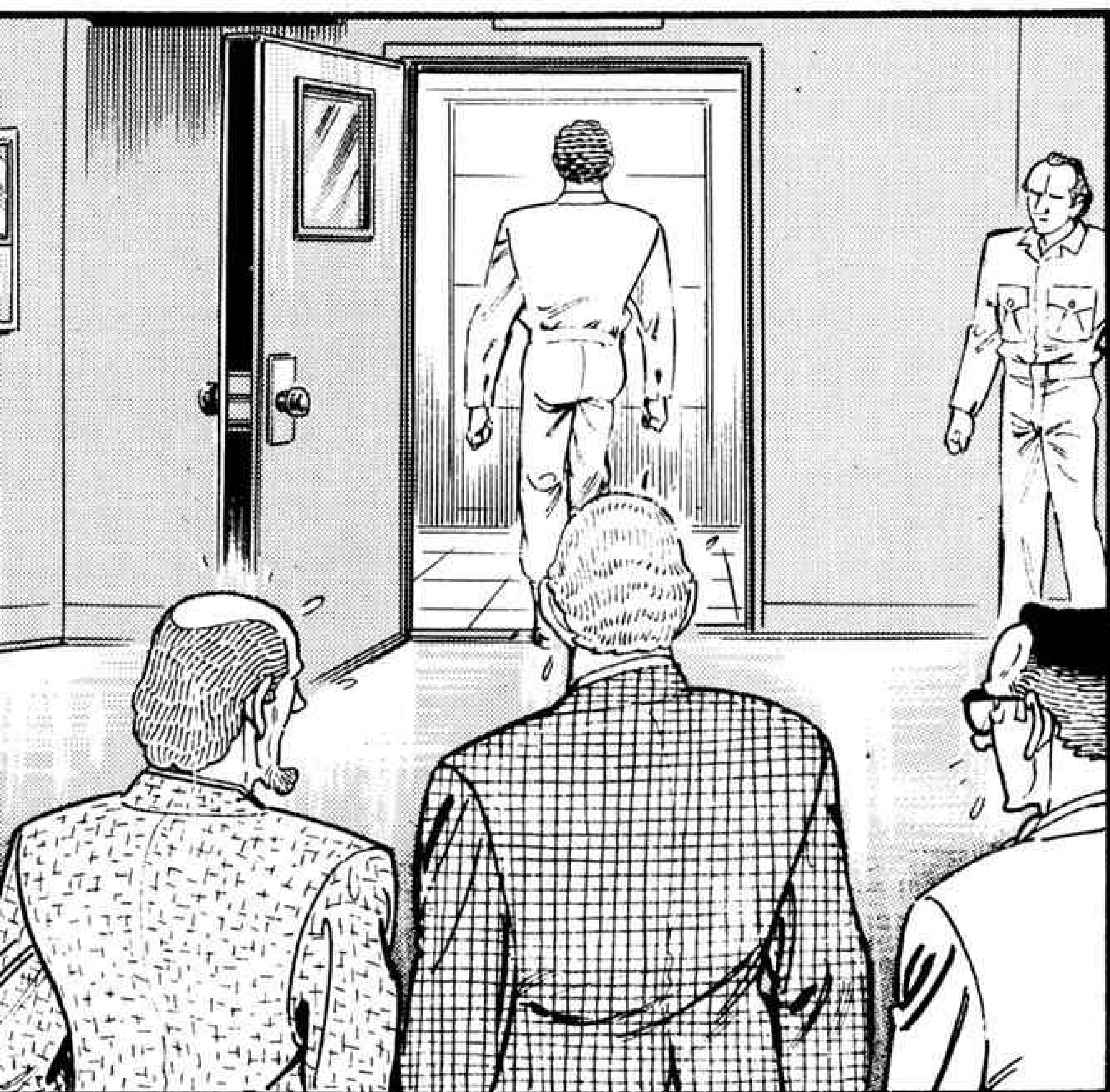
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PROBLEM ON
D PUMP, MR.
ARAGÓN!







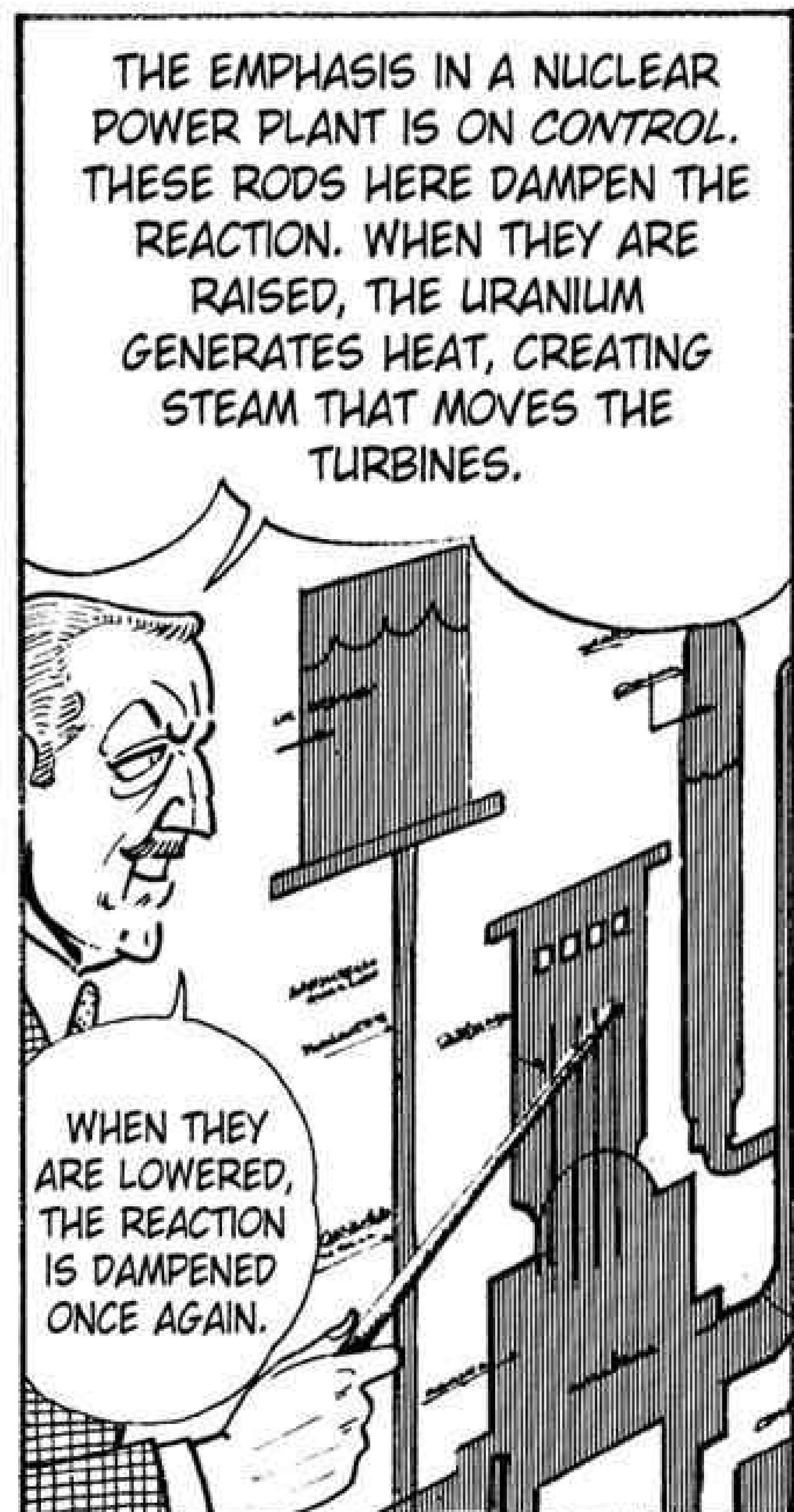
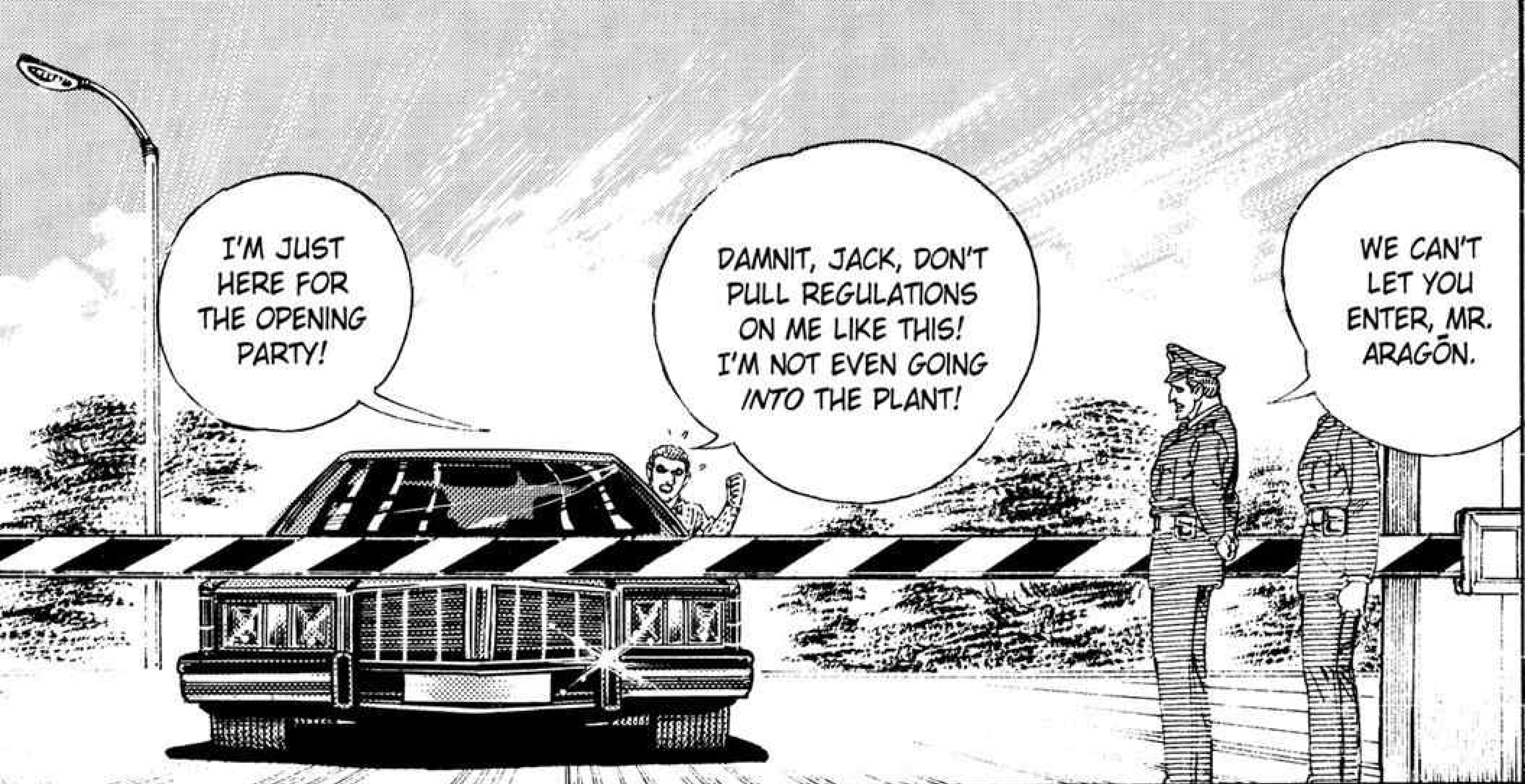


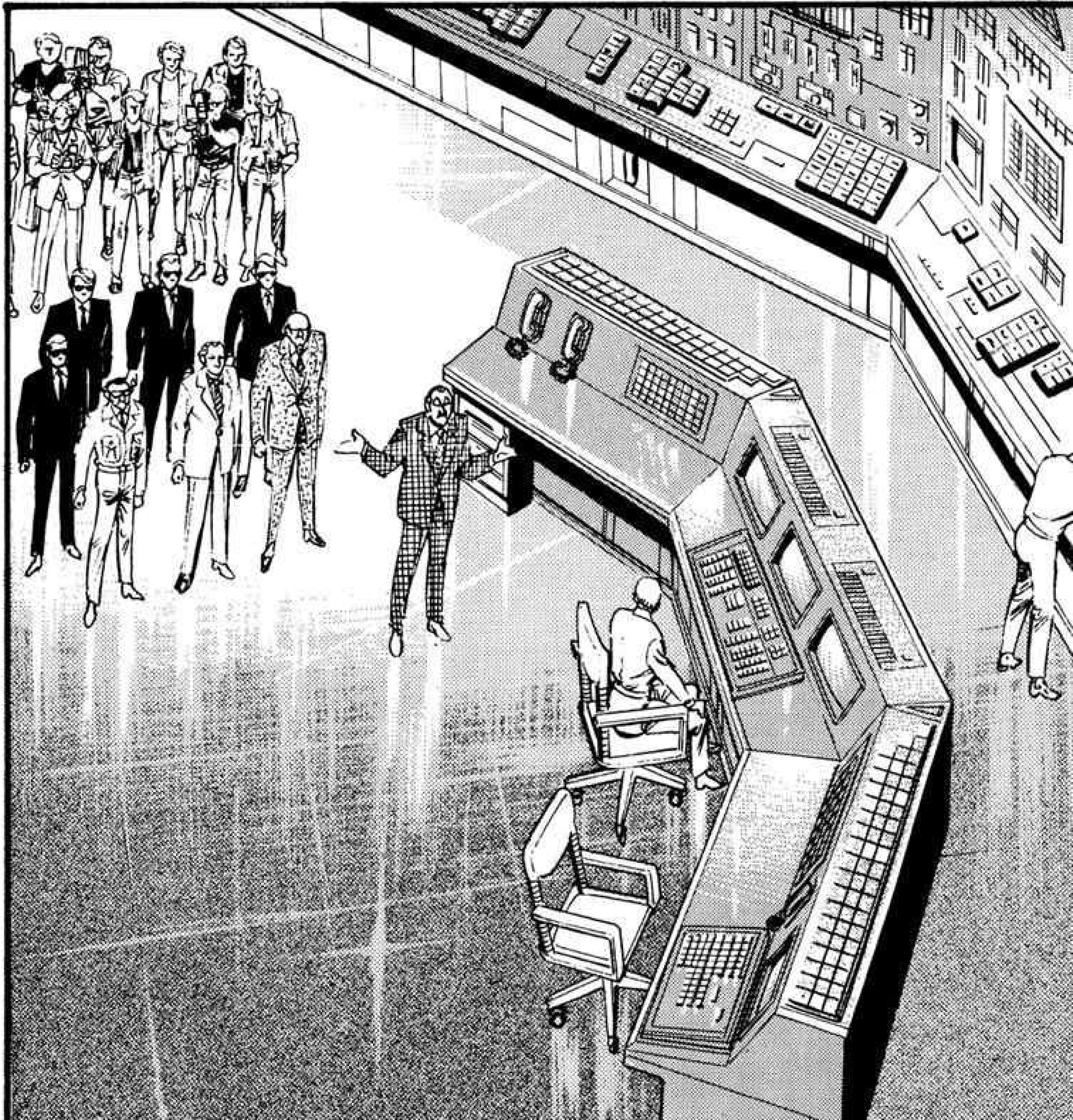
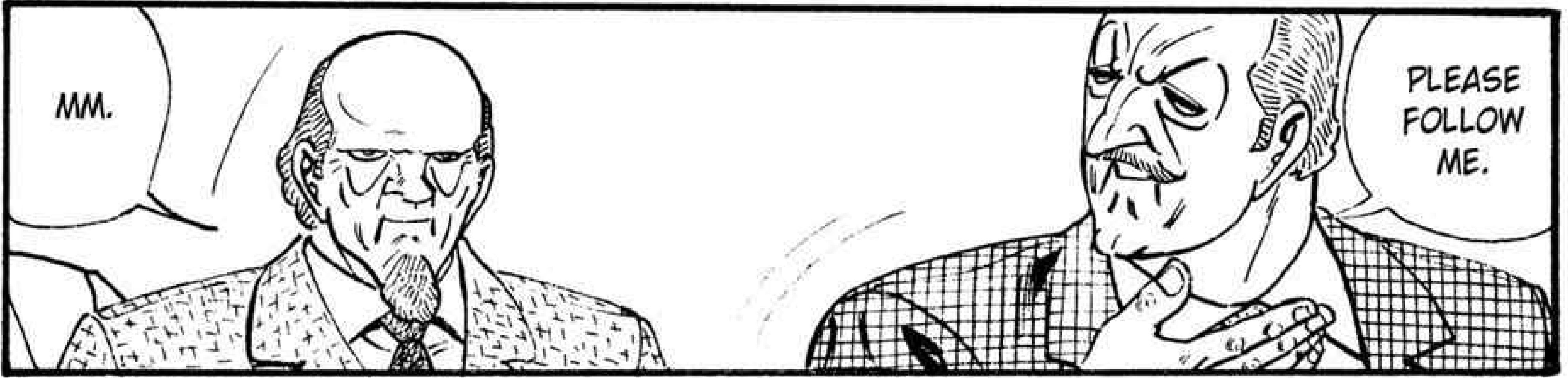
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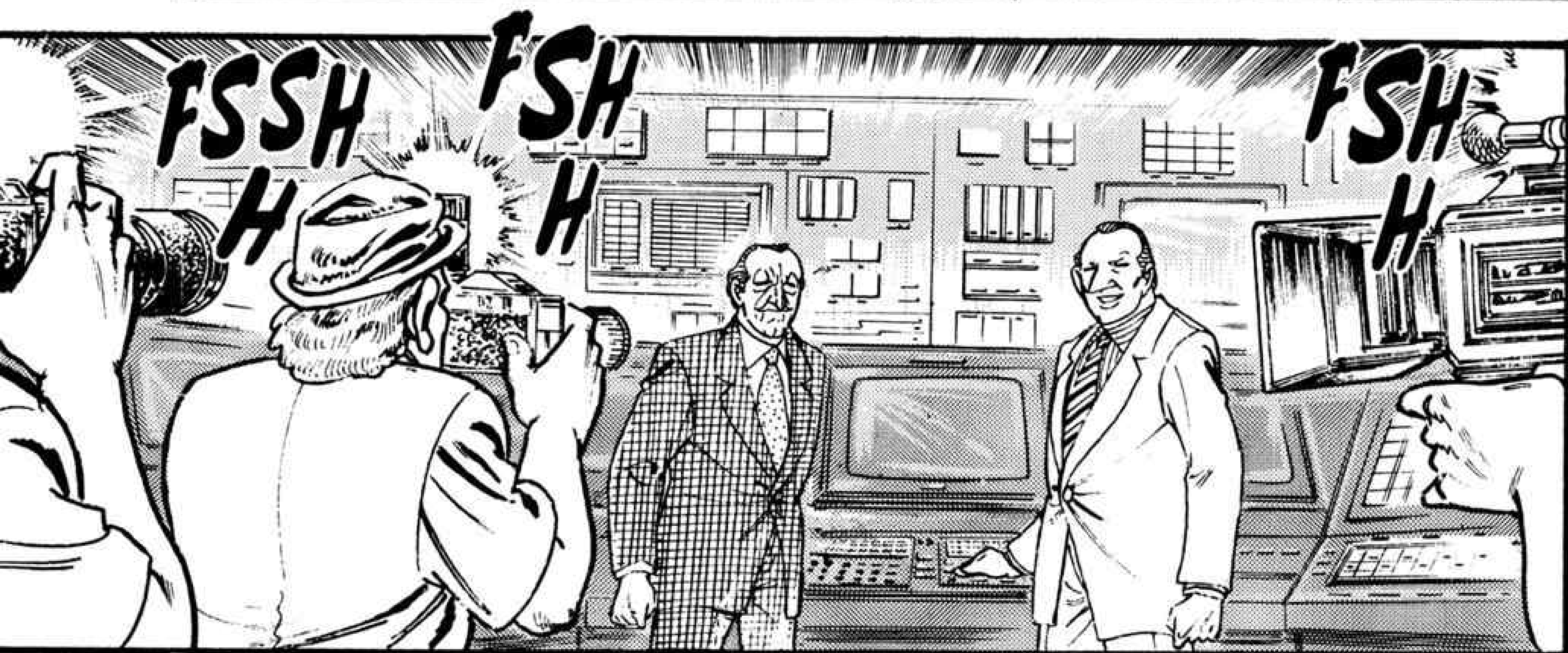
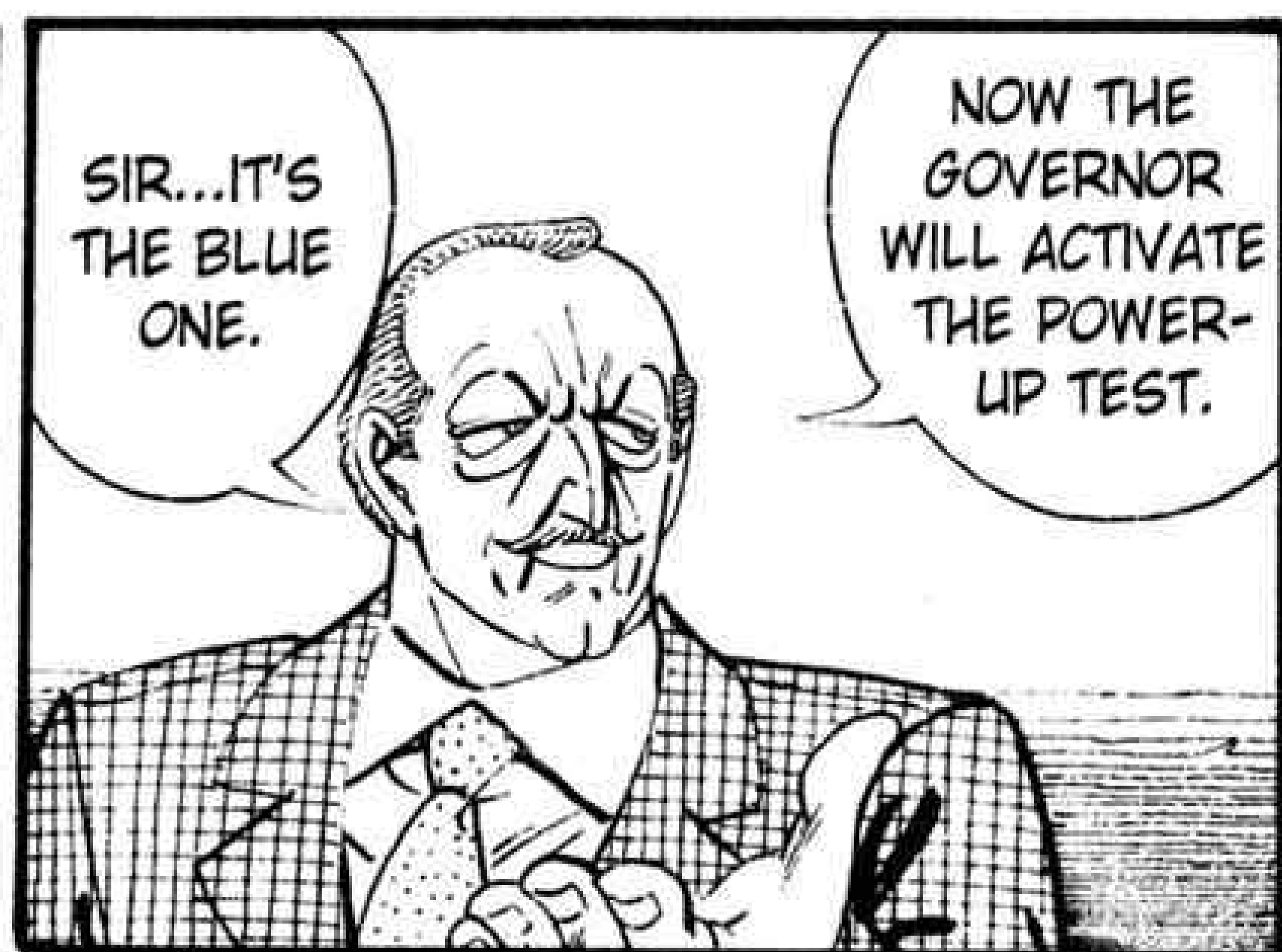


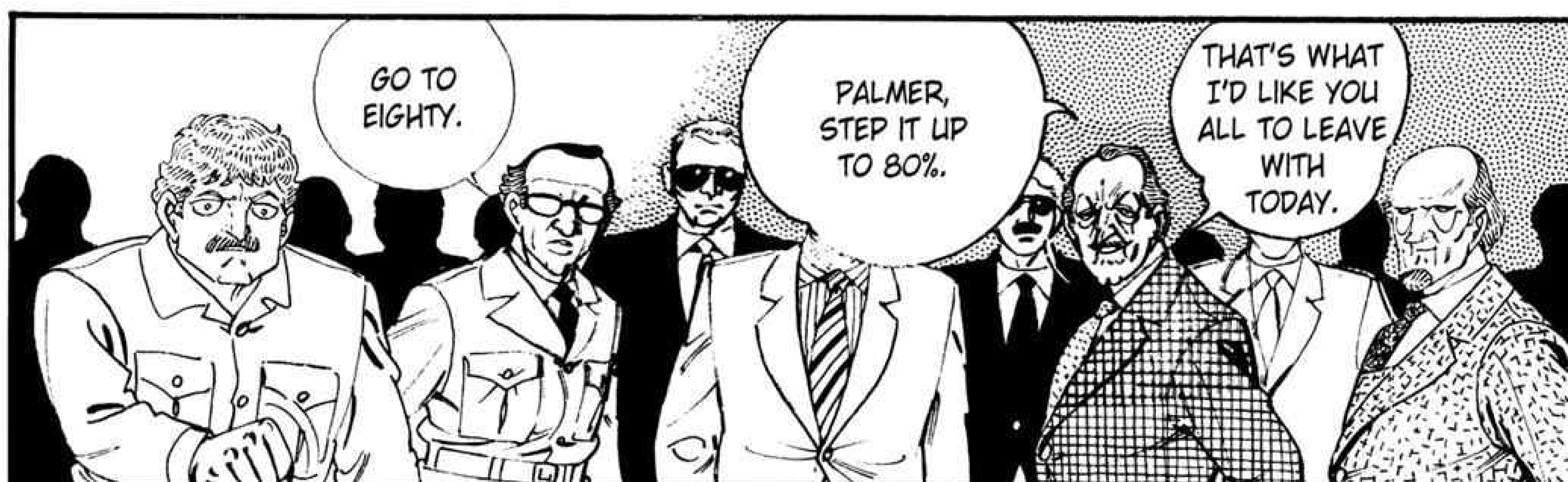
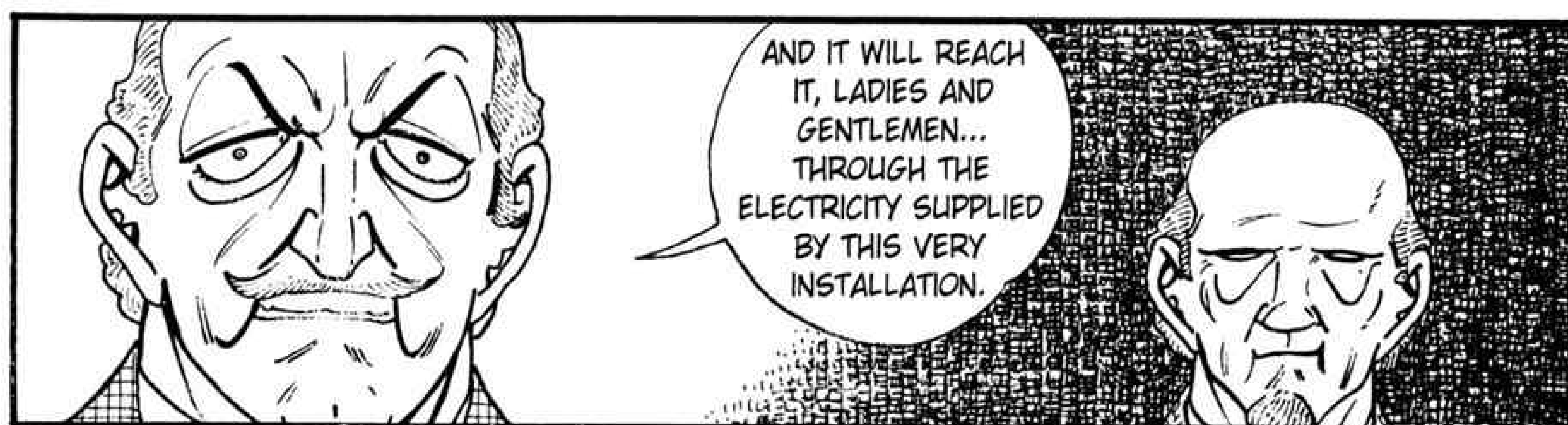
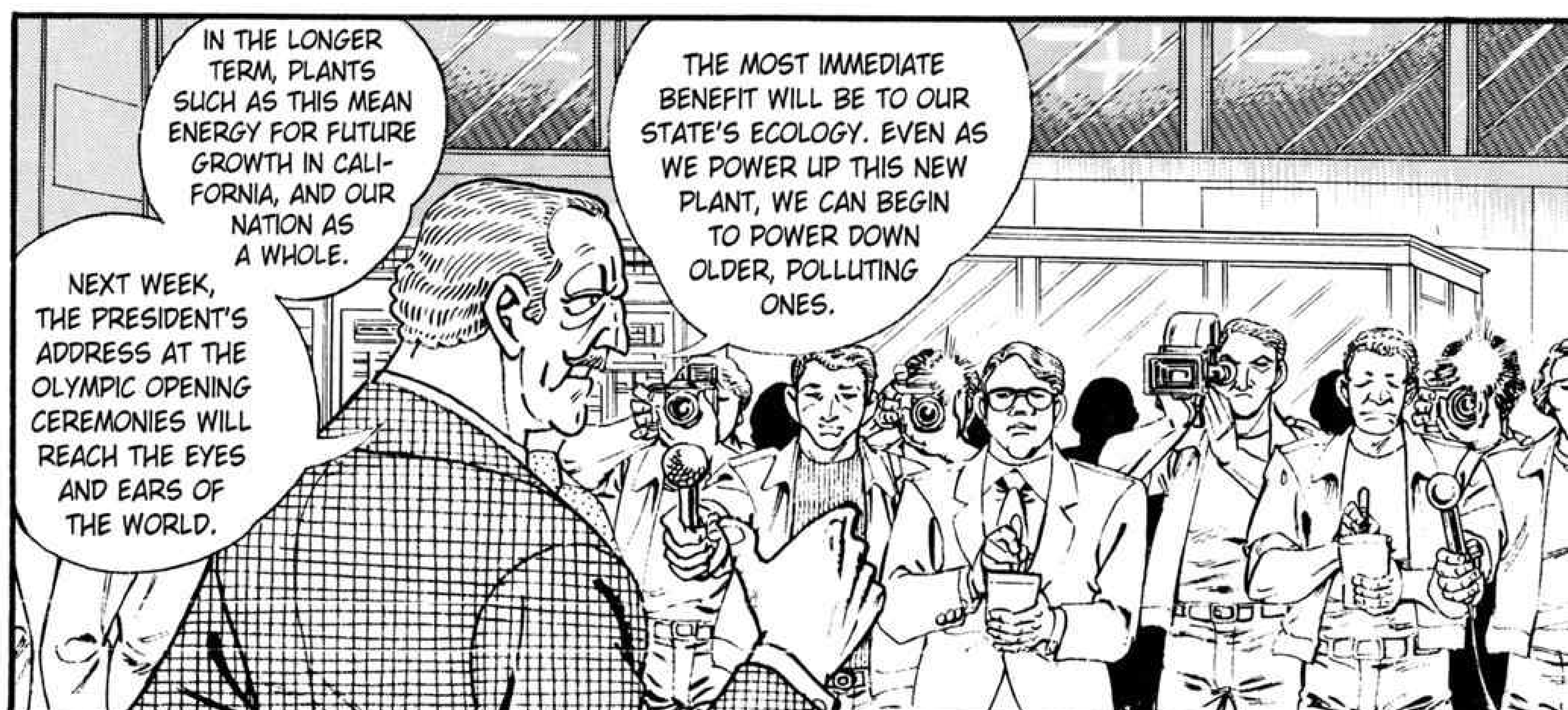
YOUR FILM BADGE, SIR. IT SHOWS 370 MILLIREMS OF EXPOSURE SINCE LAST TIME.







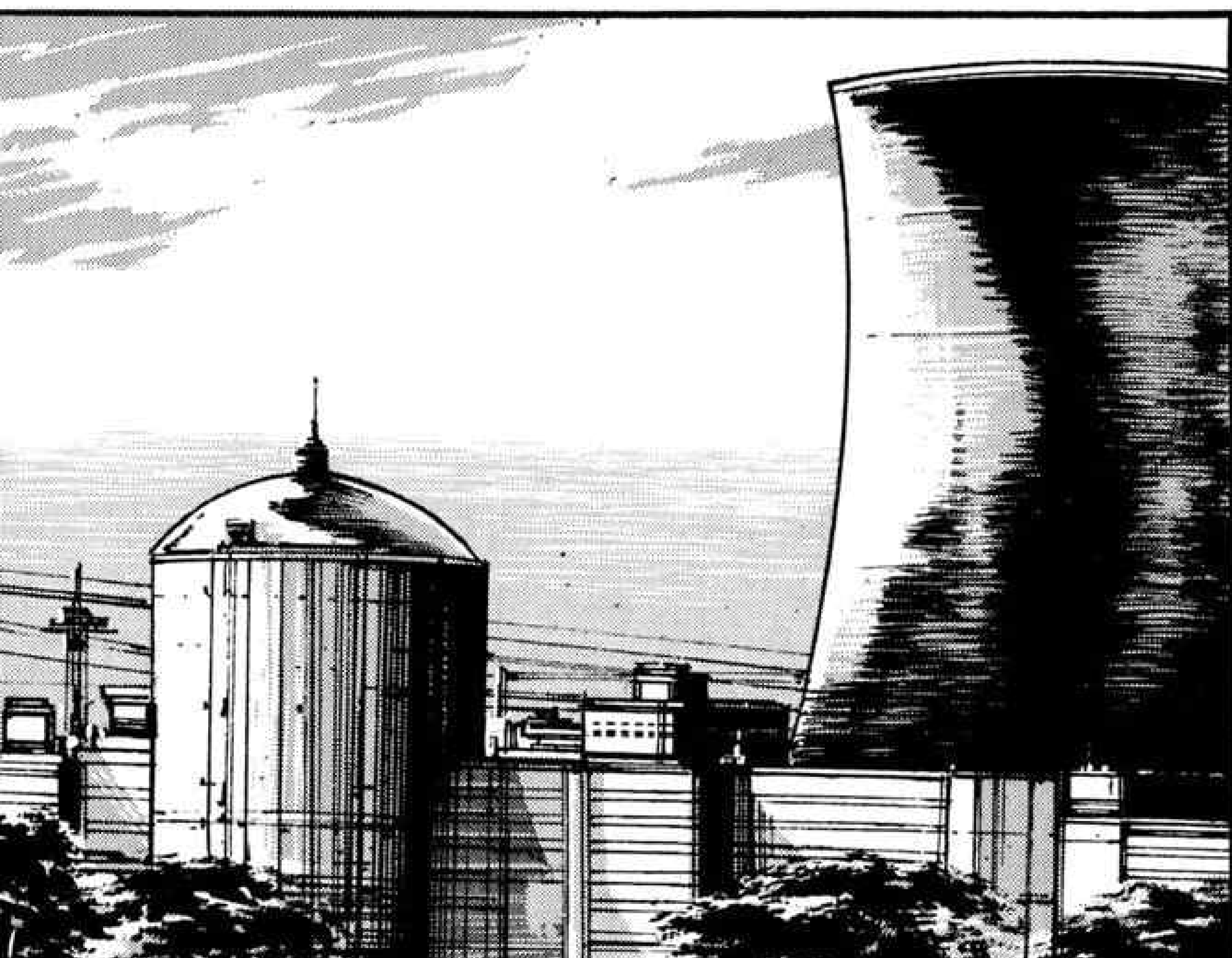
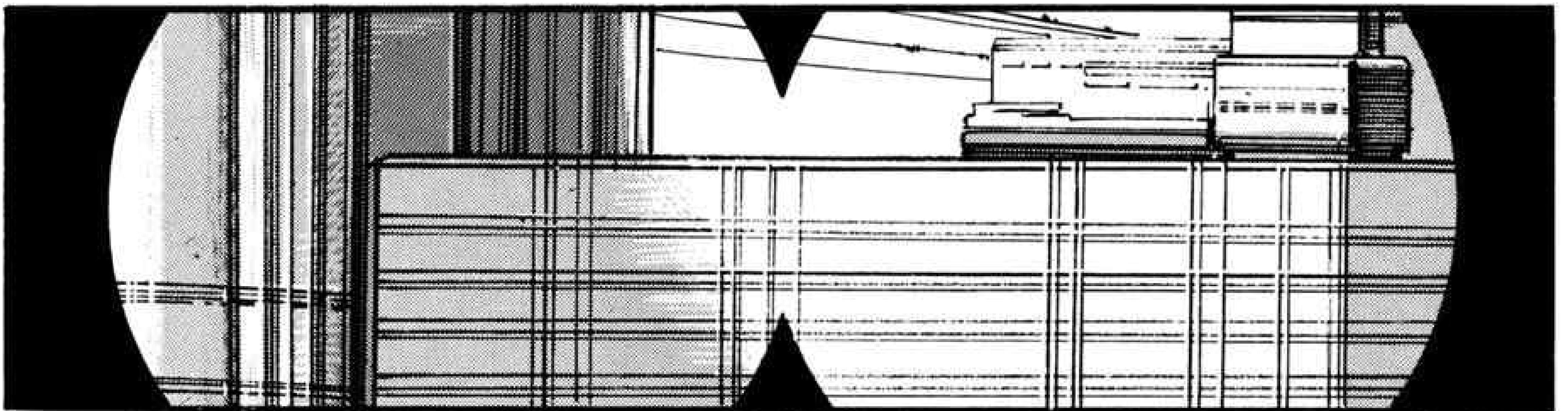


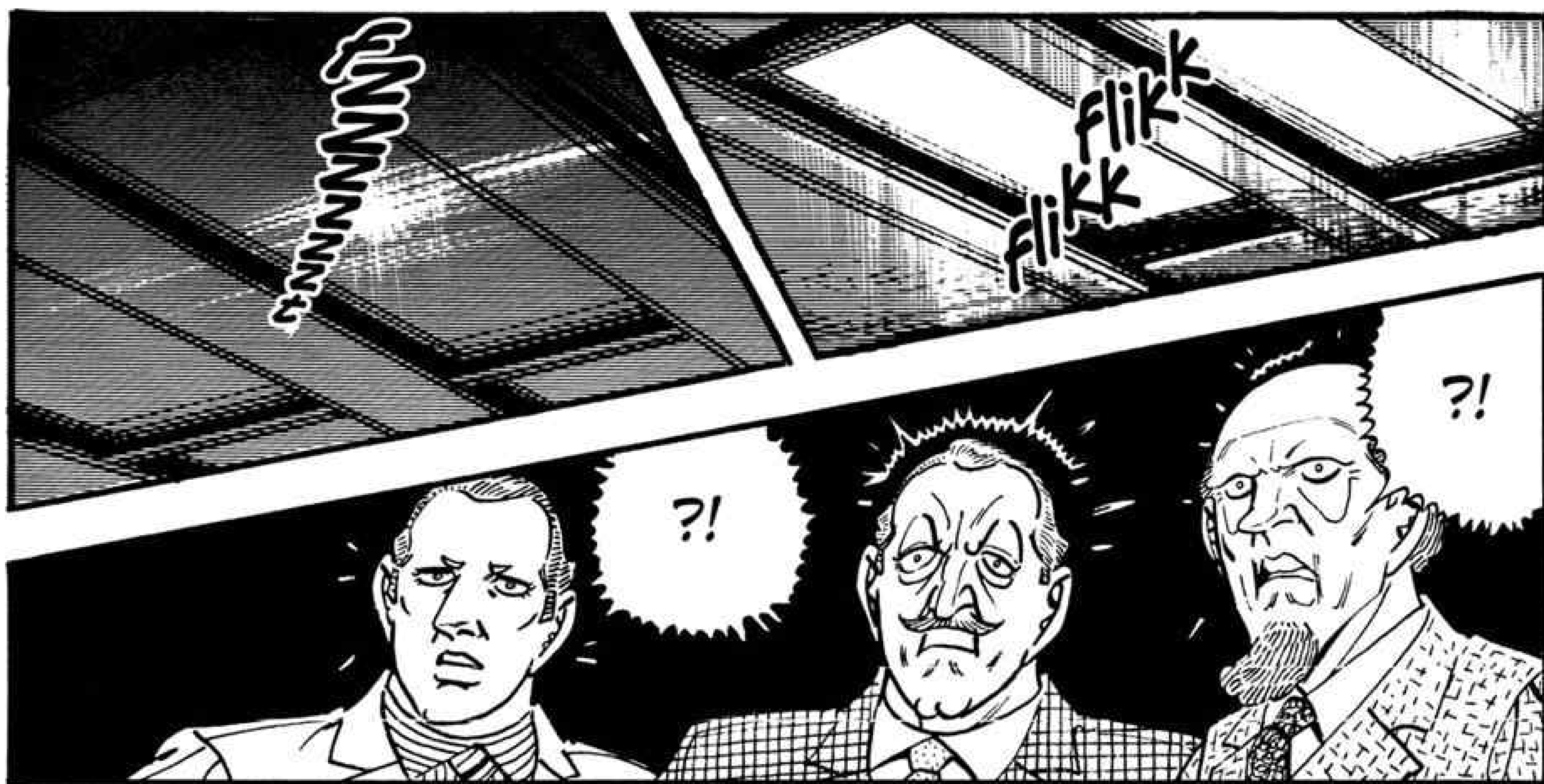
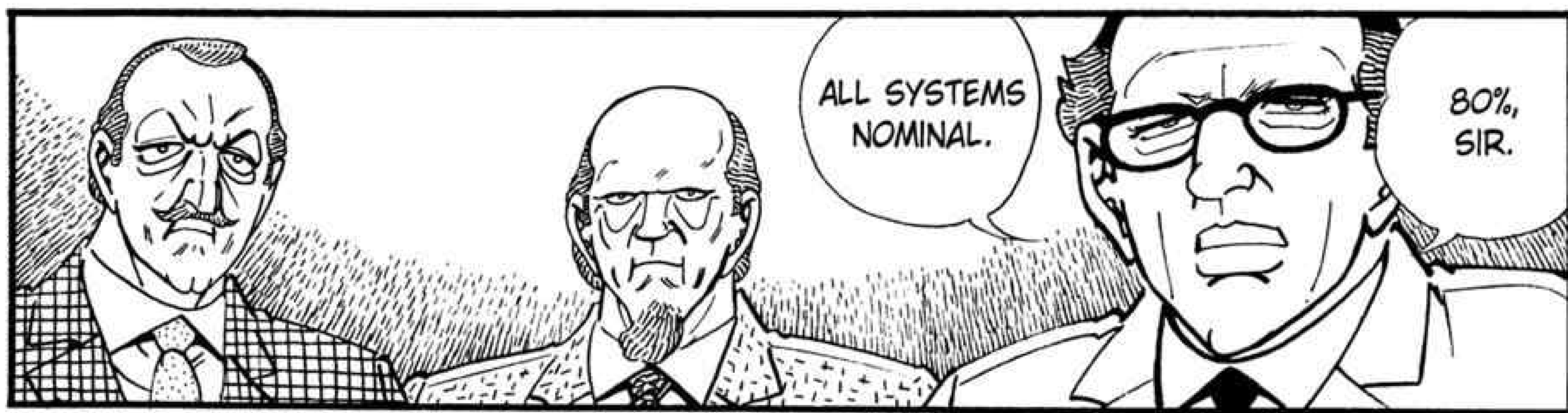


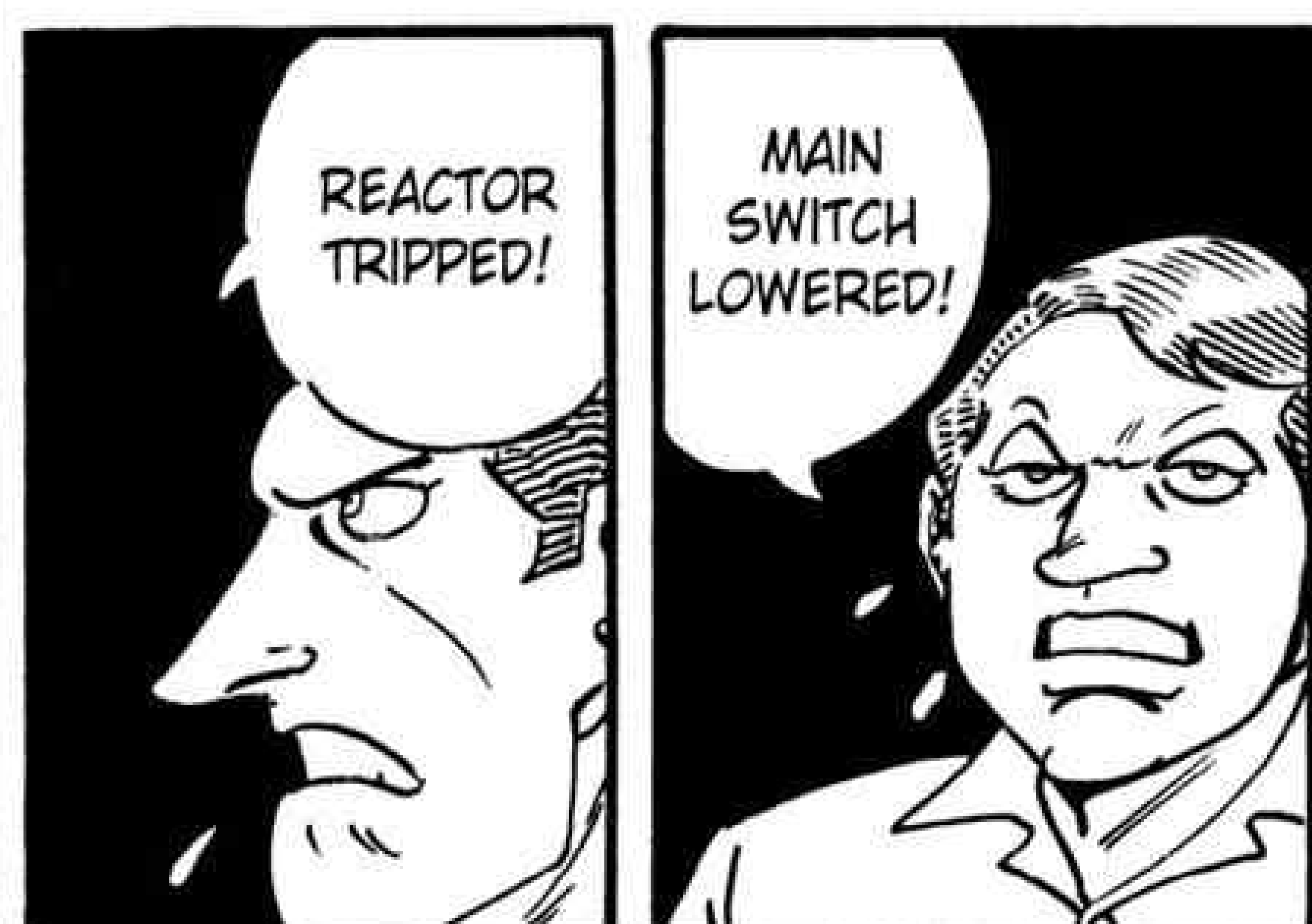
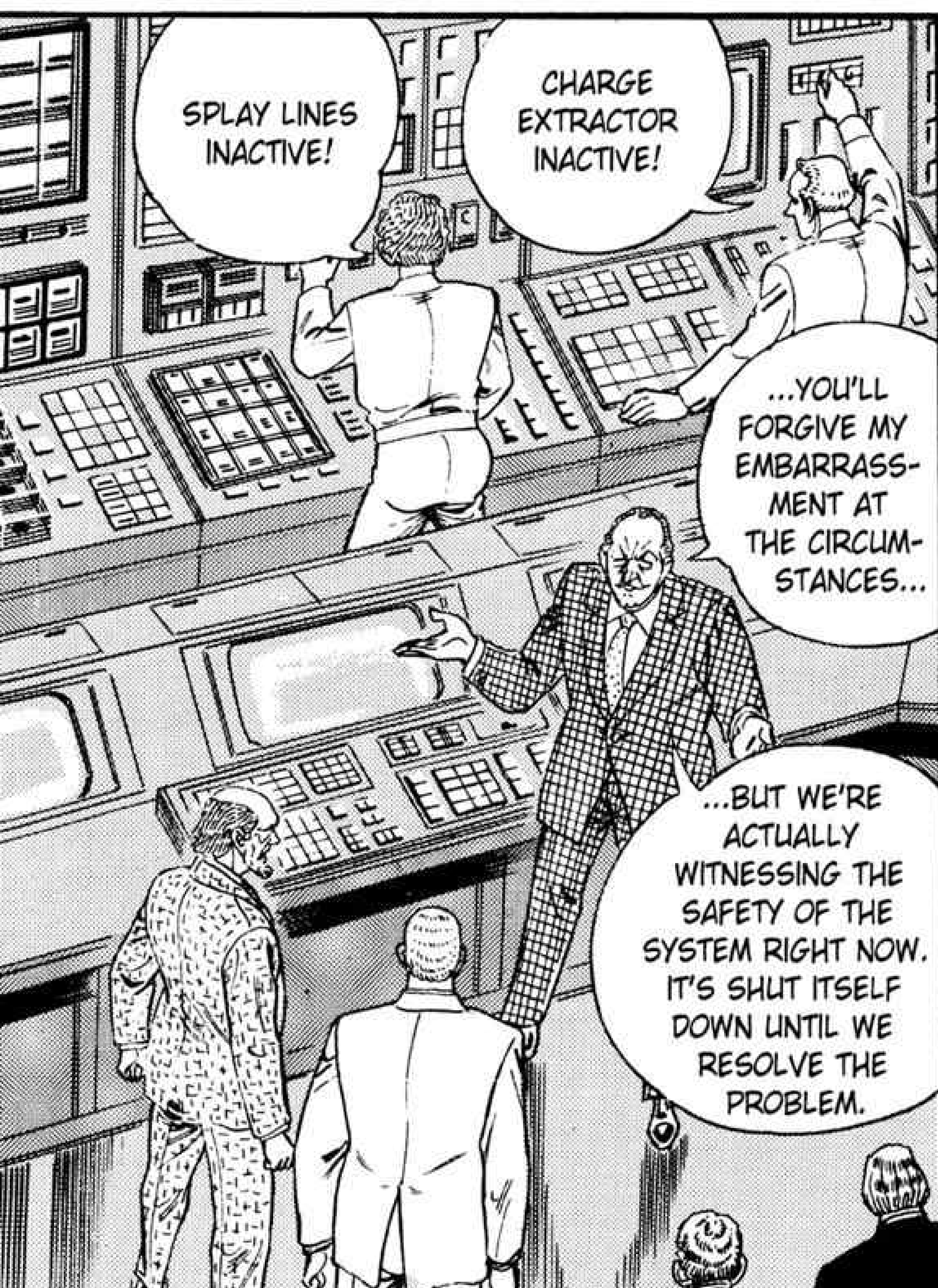
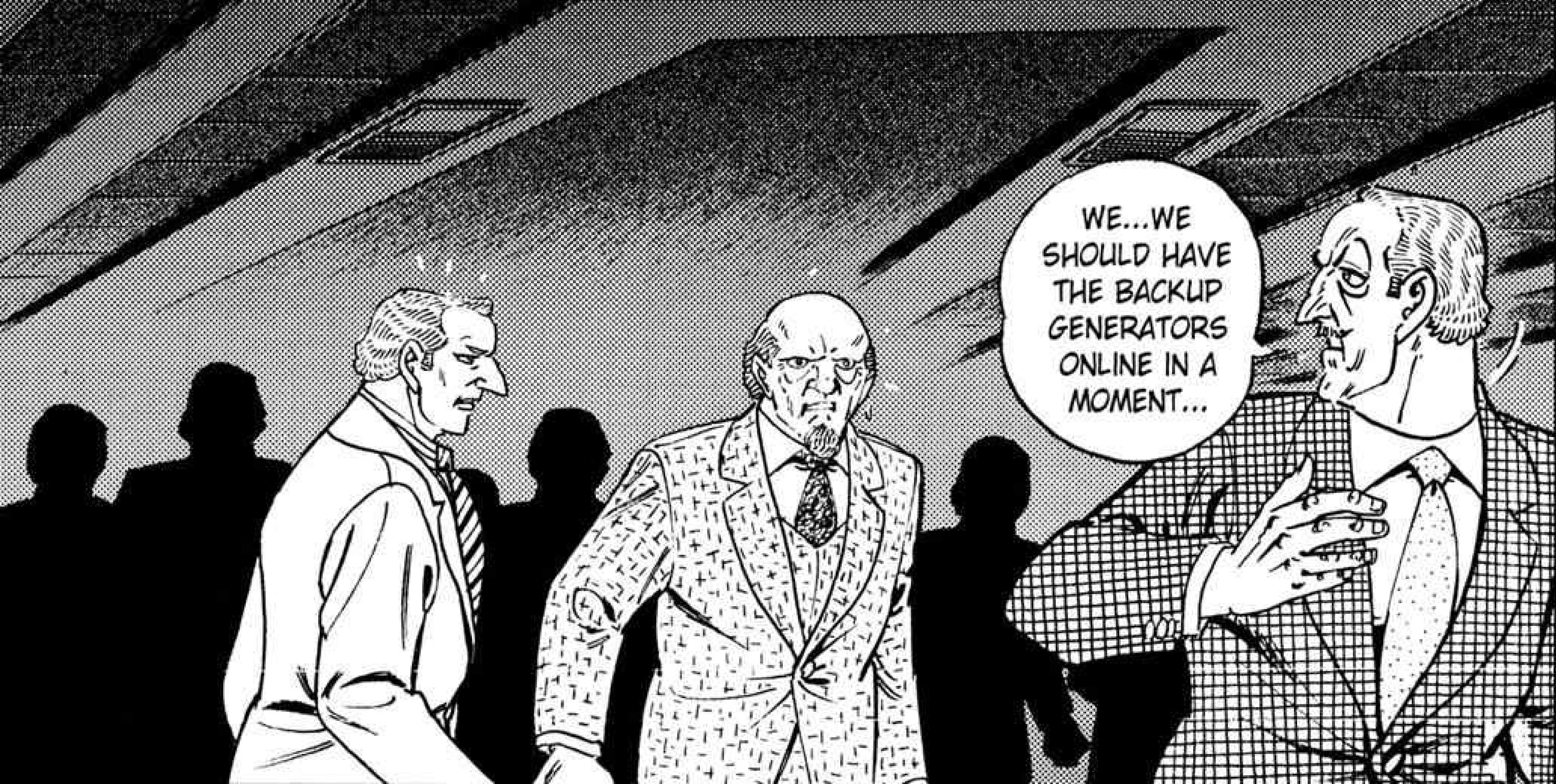


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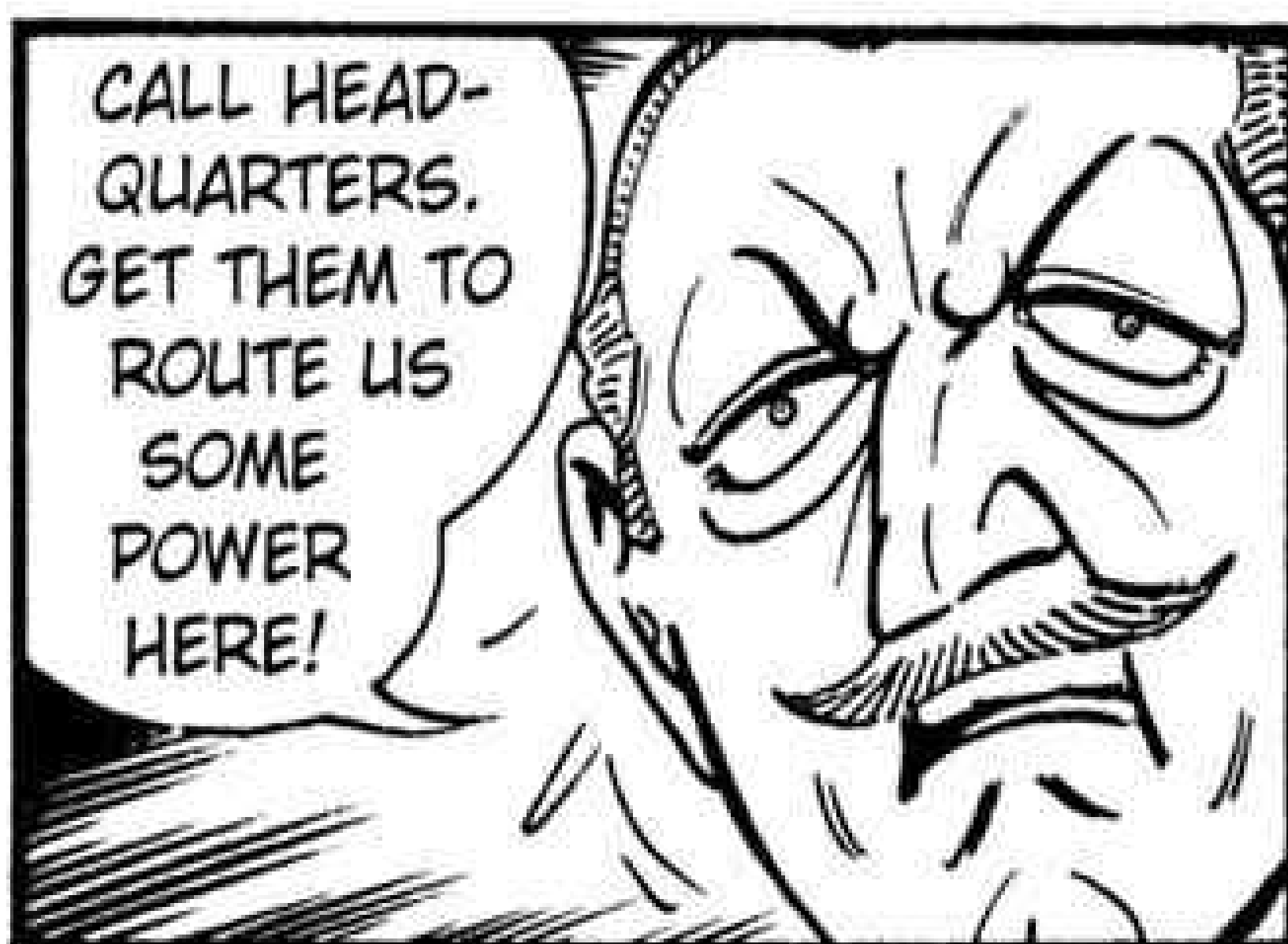
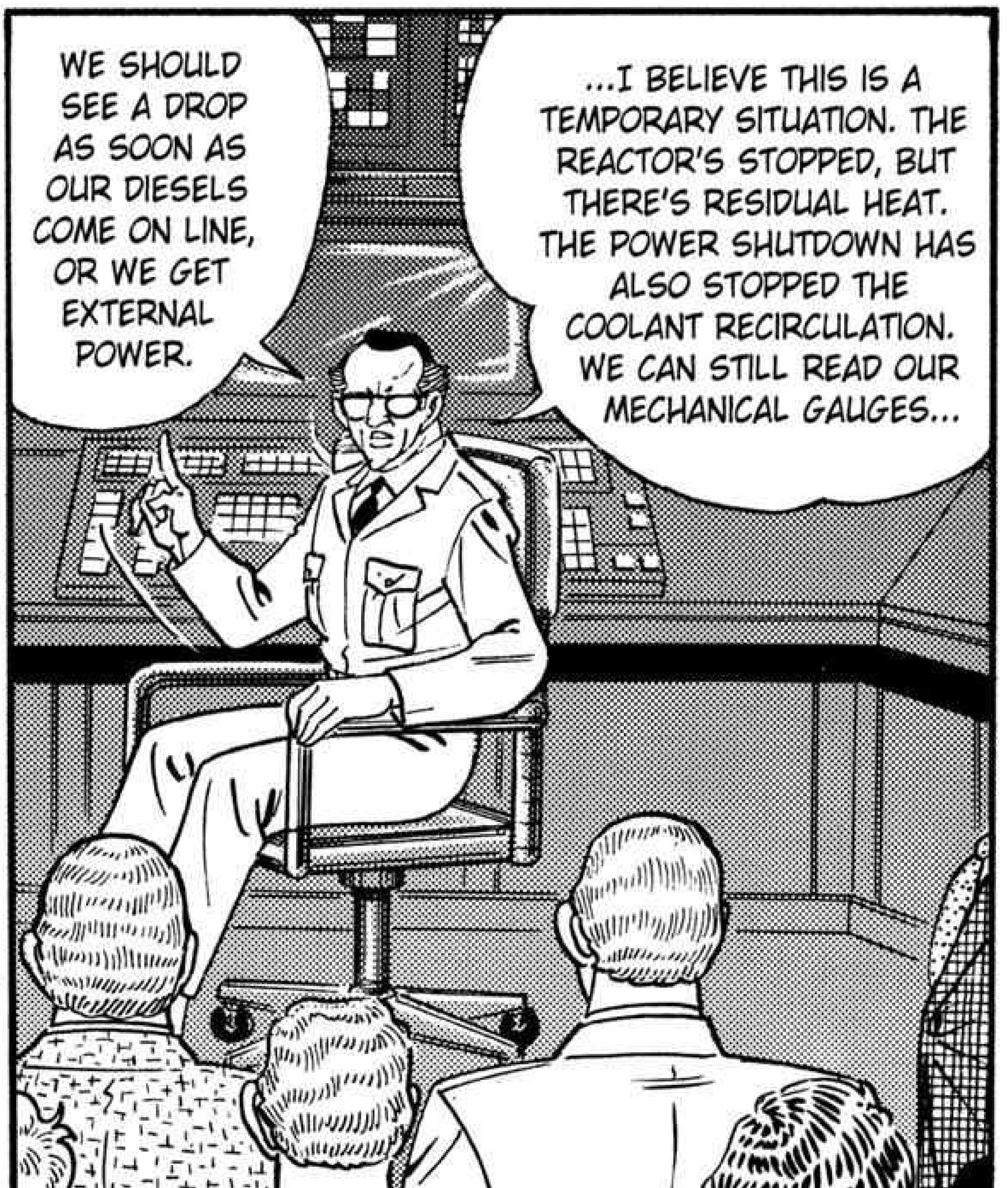
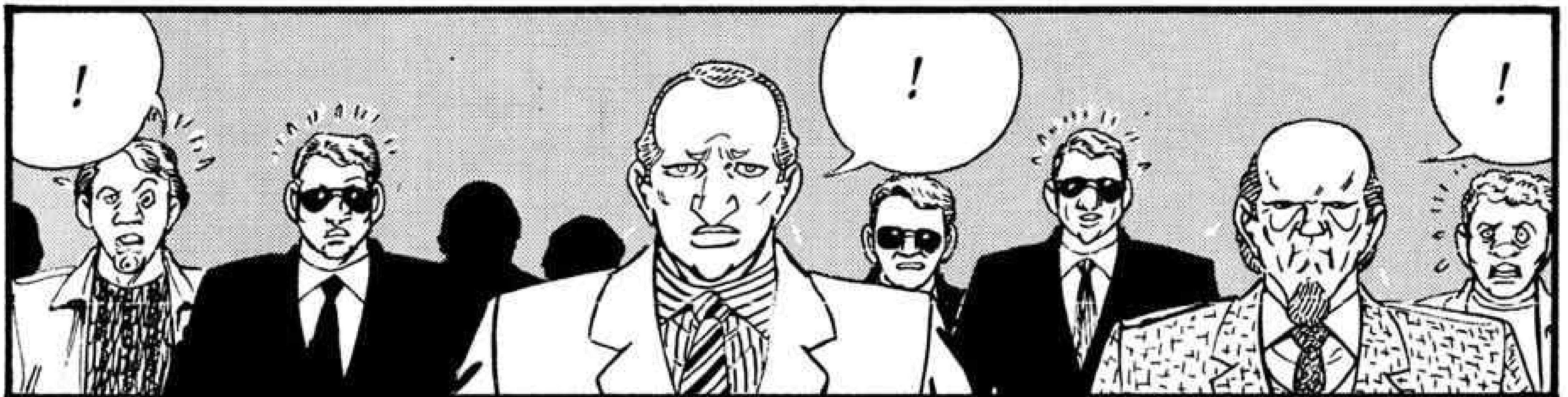
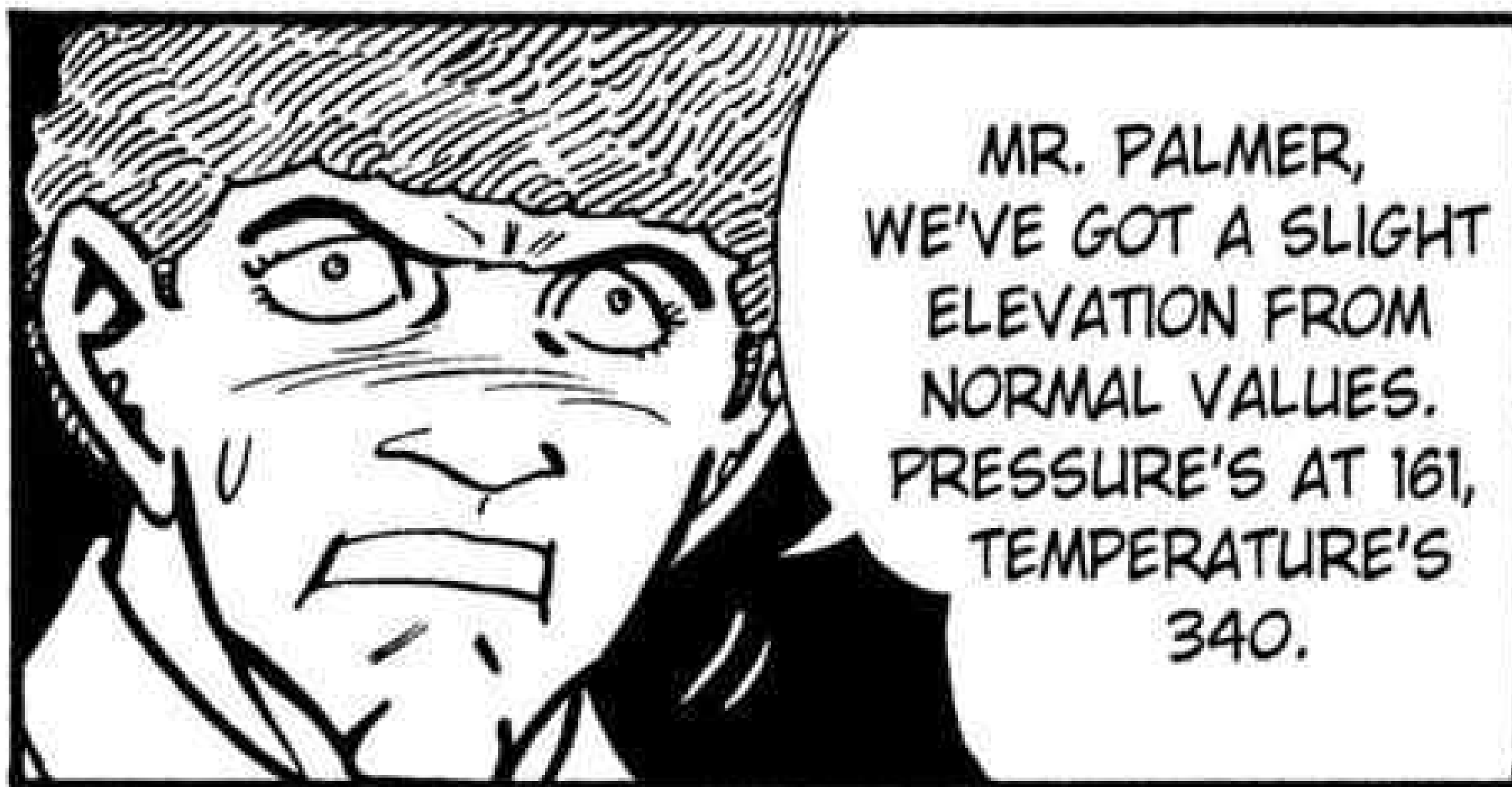
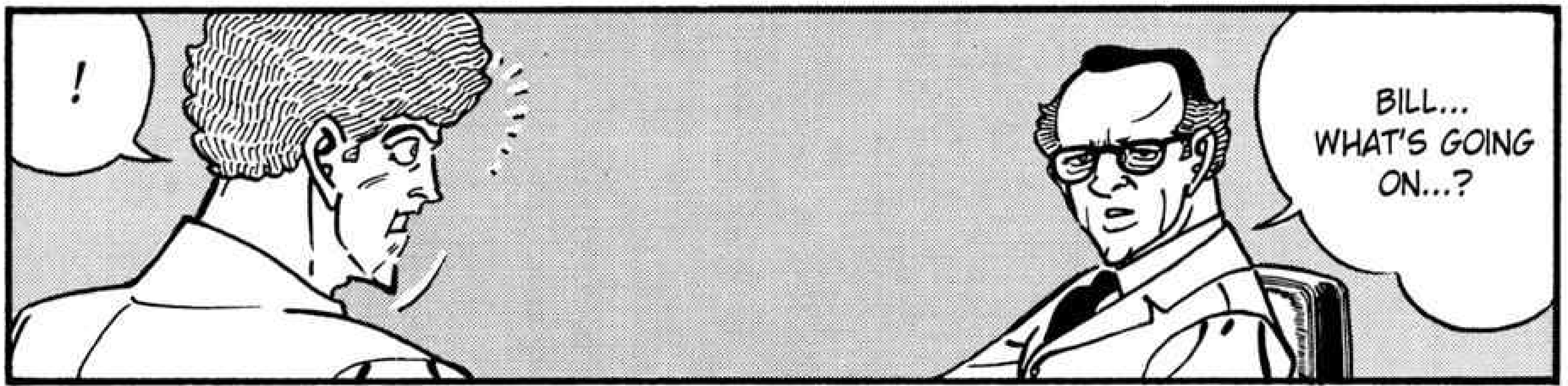
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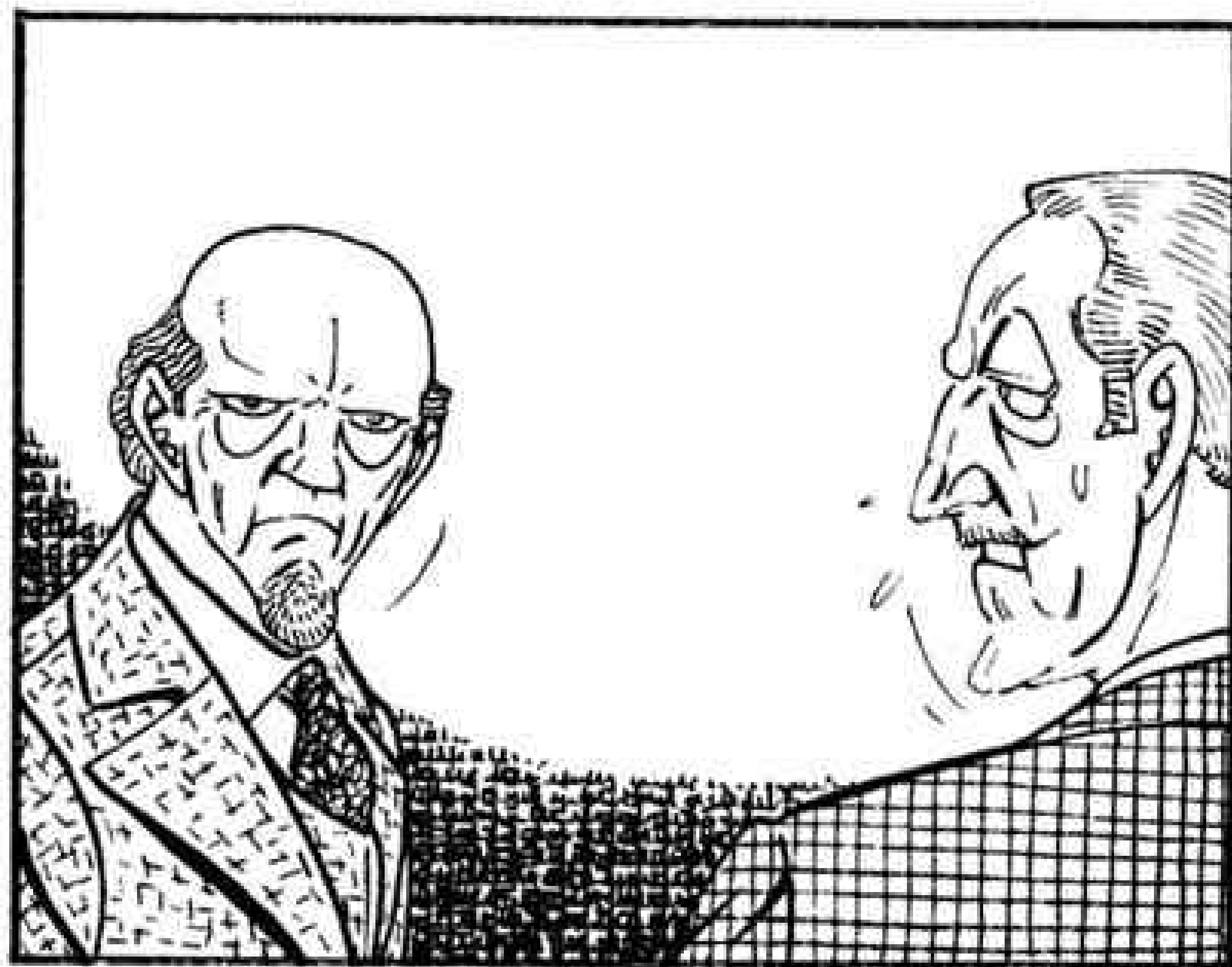


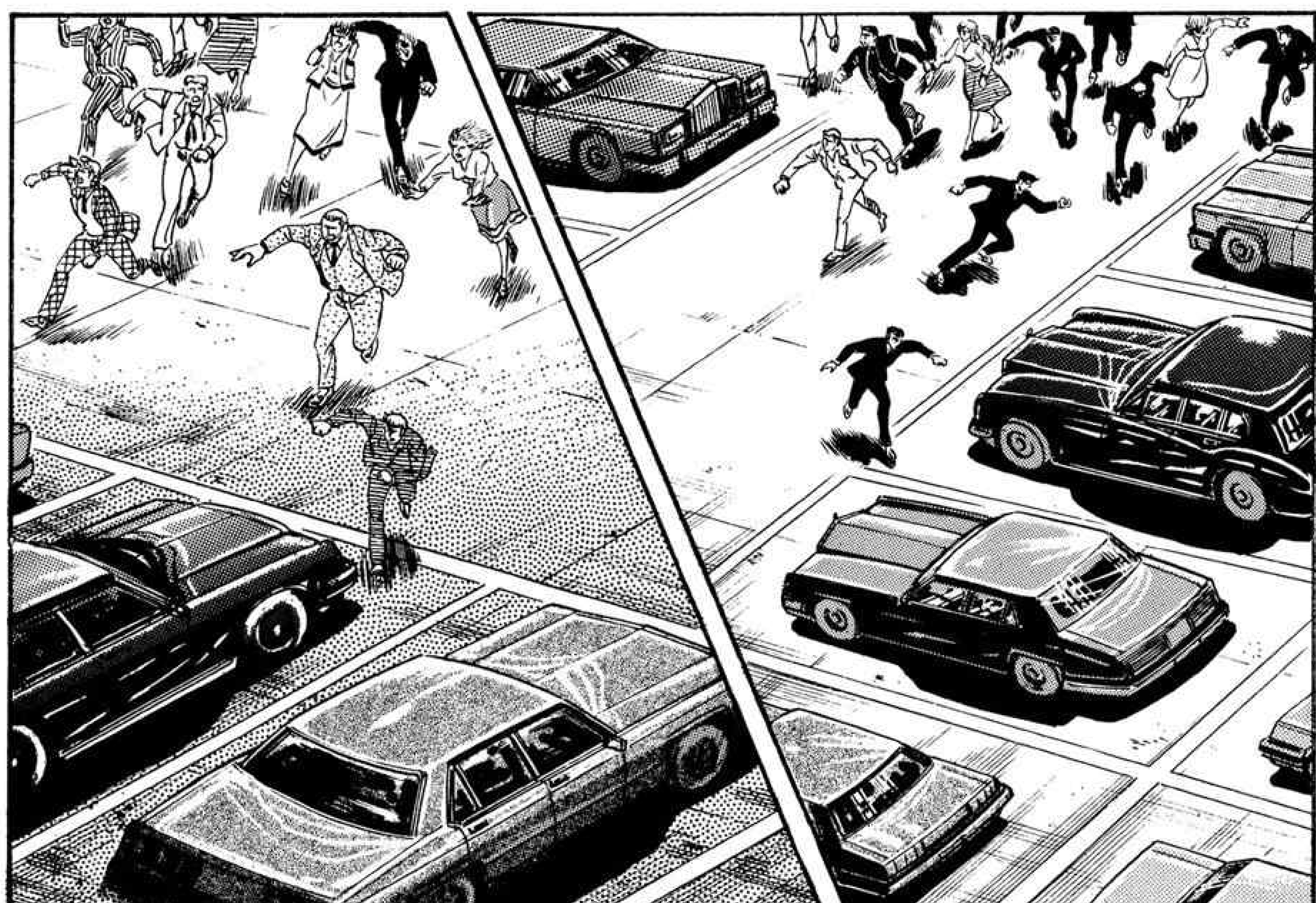


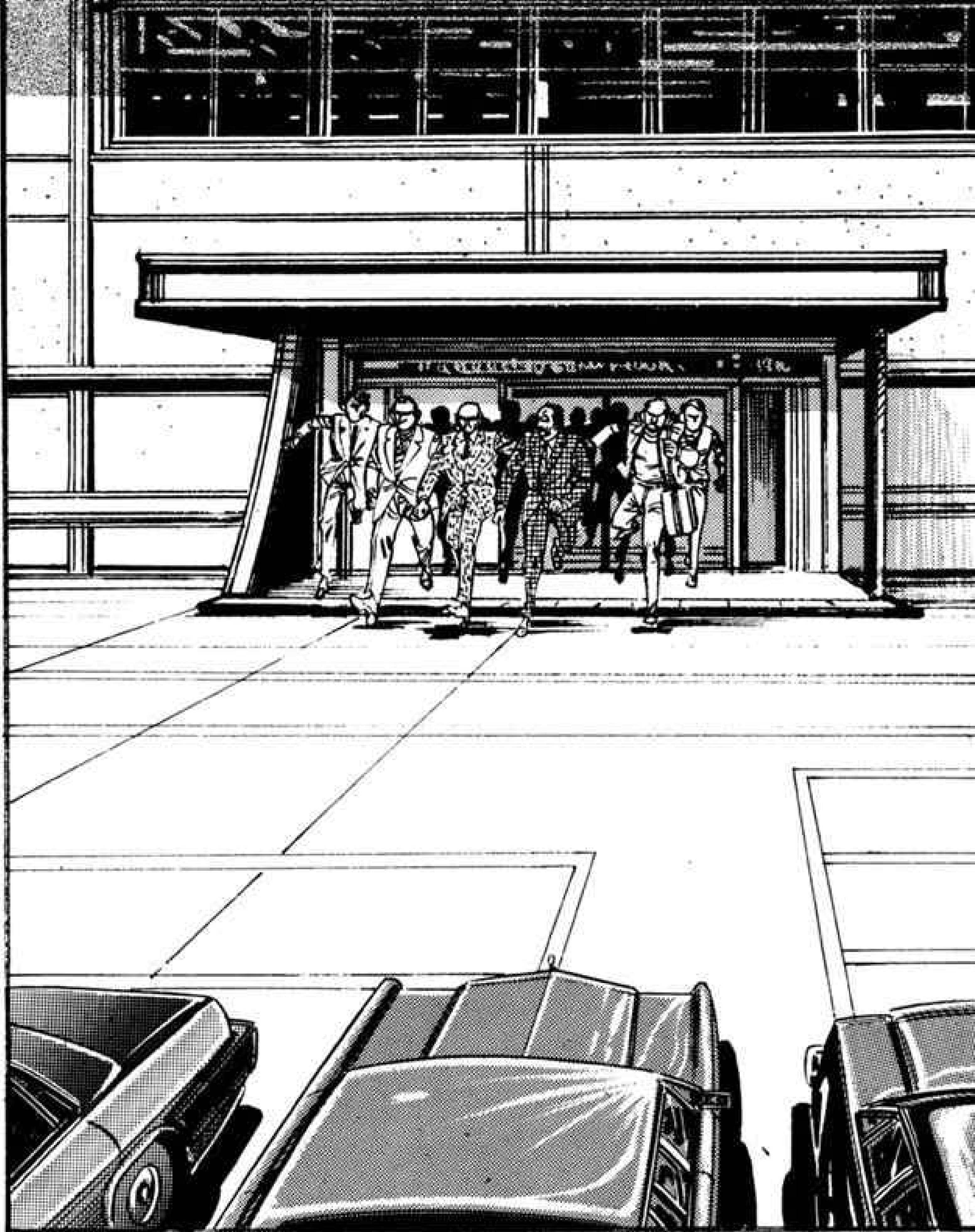






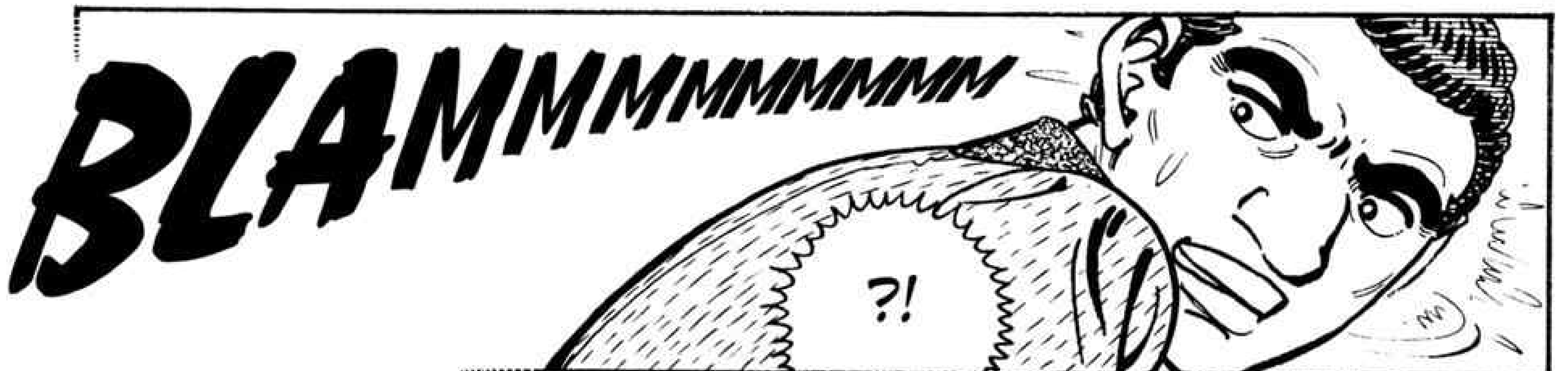
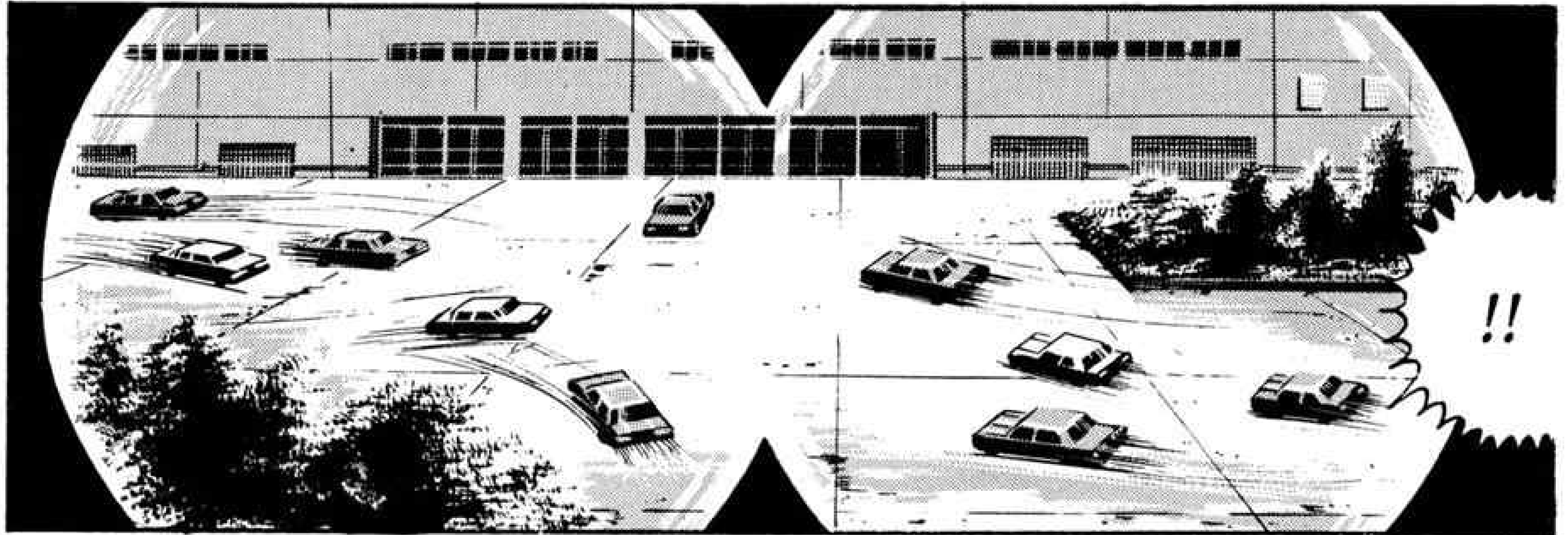


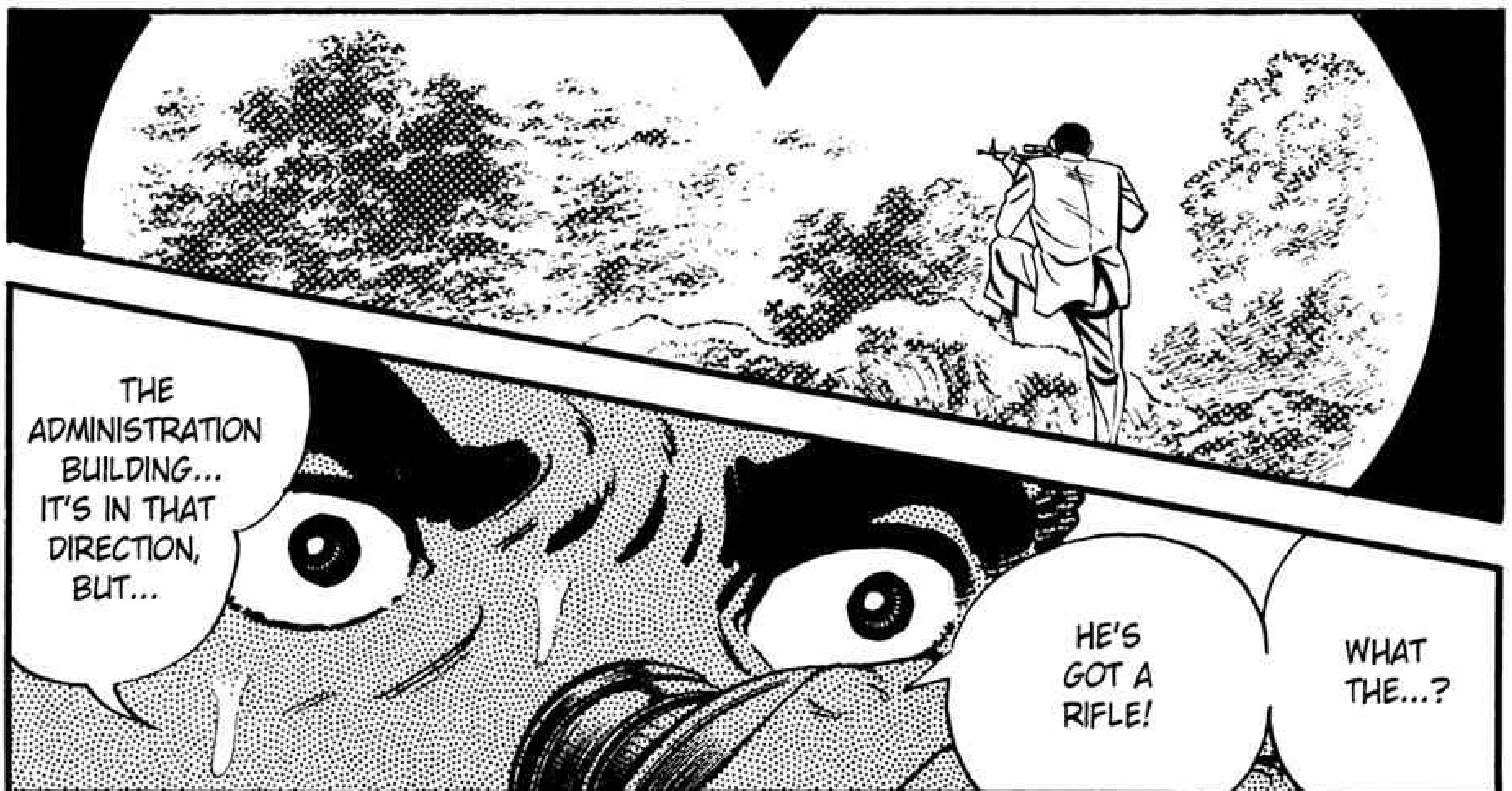






PART 6 AT THE END OF THE BARREL







IS HE A
TERRORIST? IS
THAT WHY
THERE WAS THE
PANIC DOWN
THERE...?!

...WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE...?!



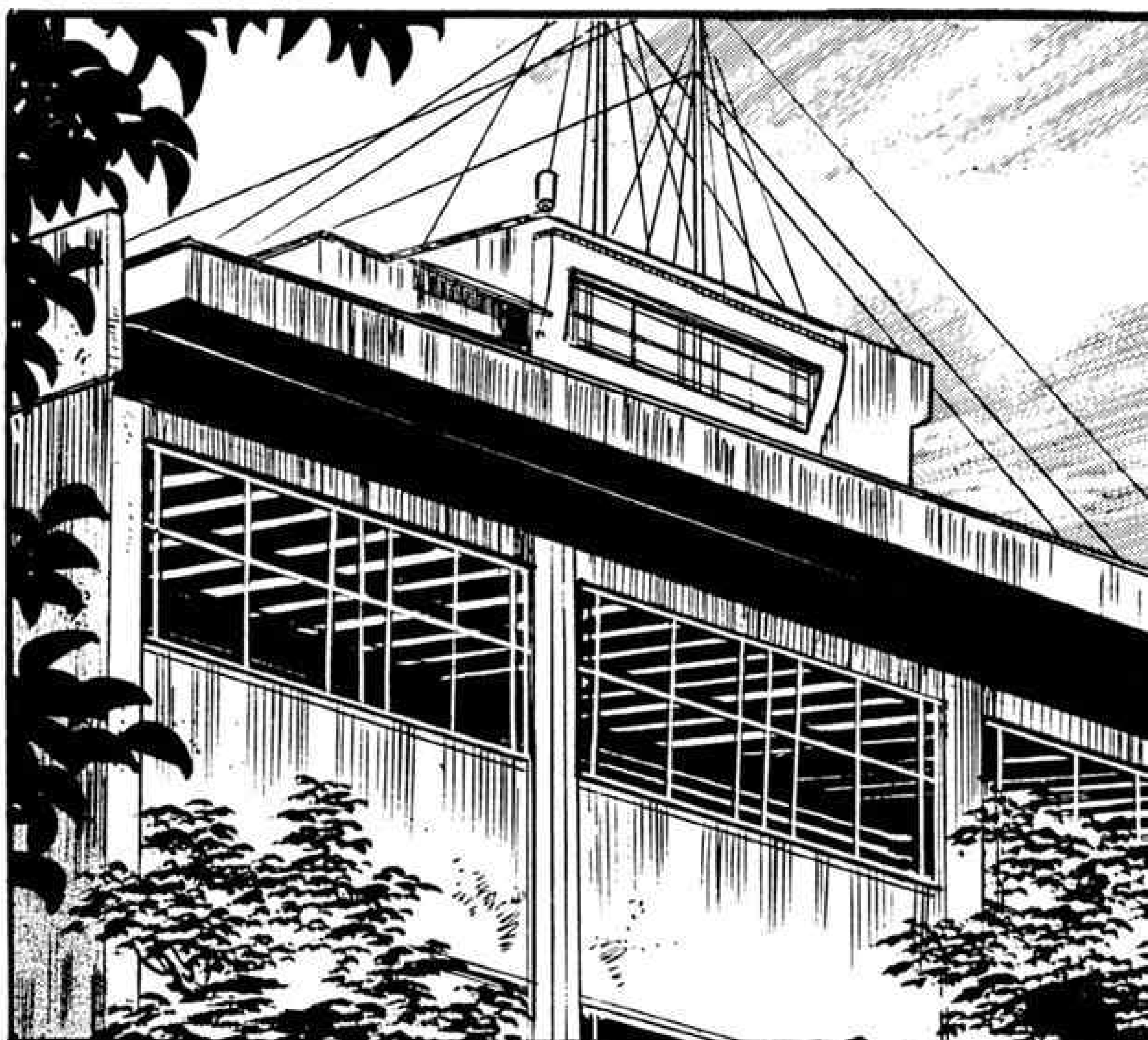
WAIT...
I'VE
SEEN HIM
BEFORE...

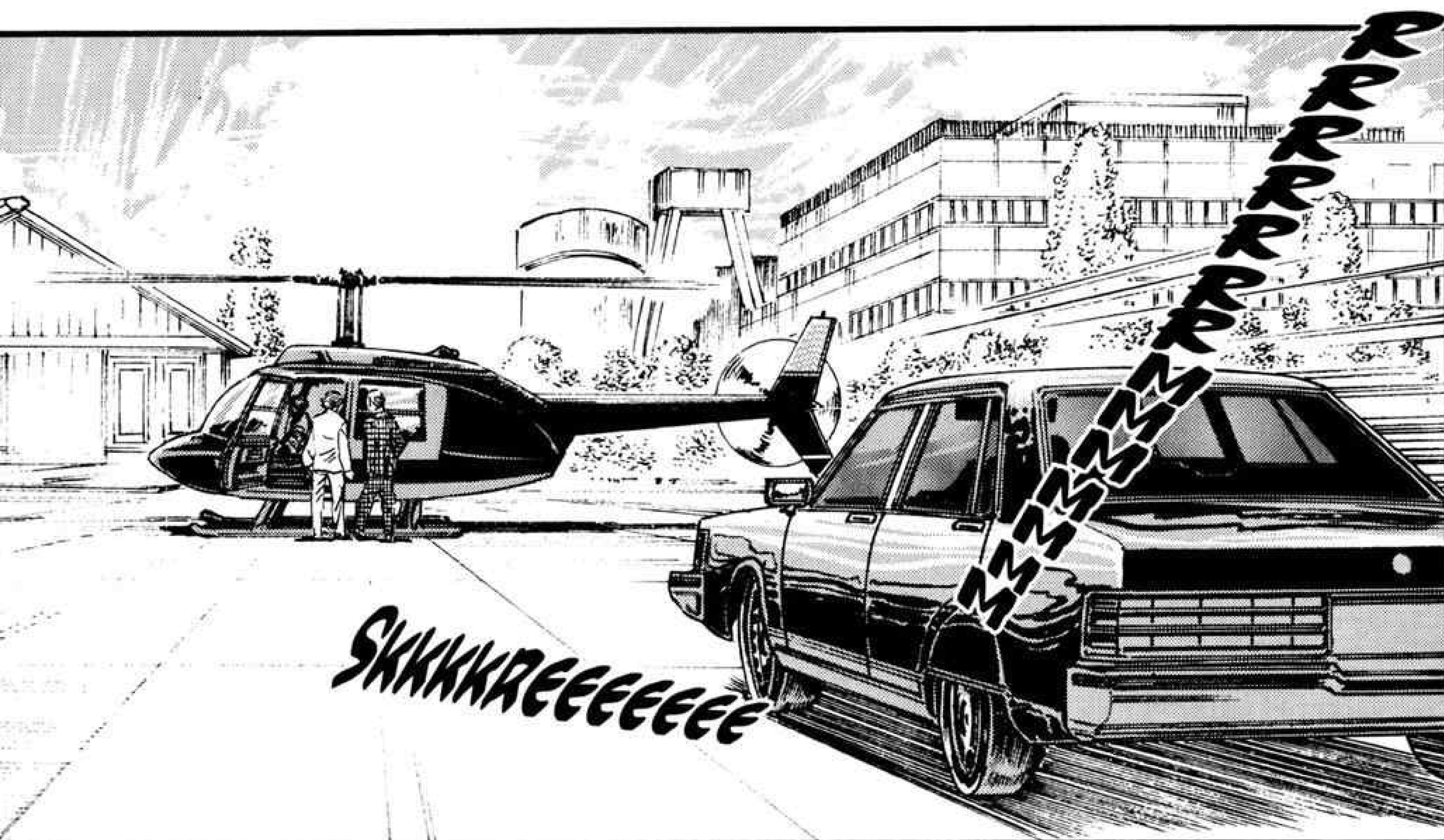


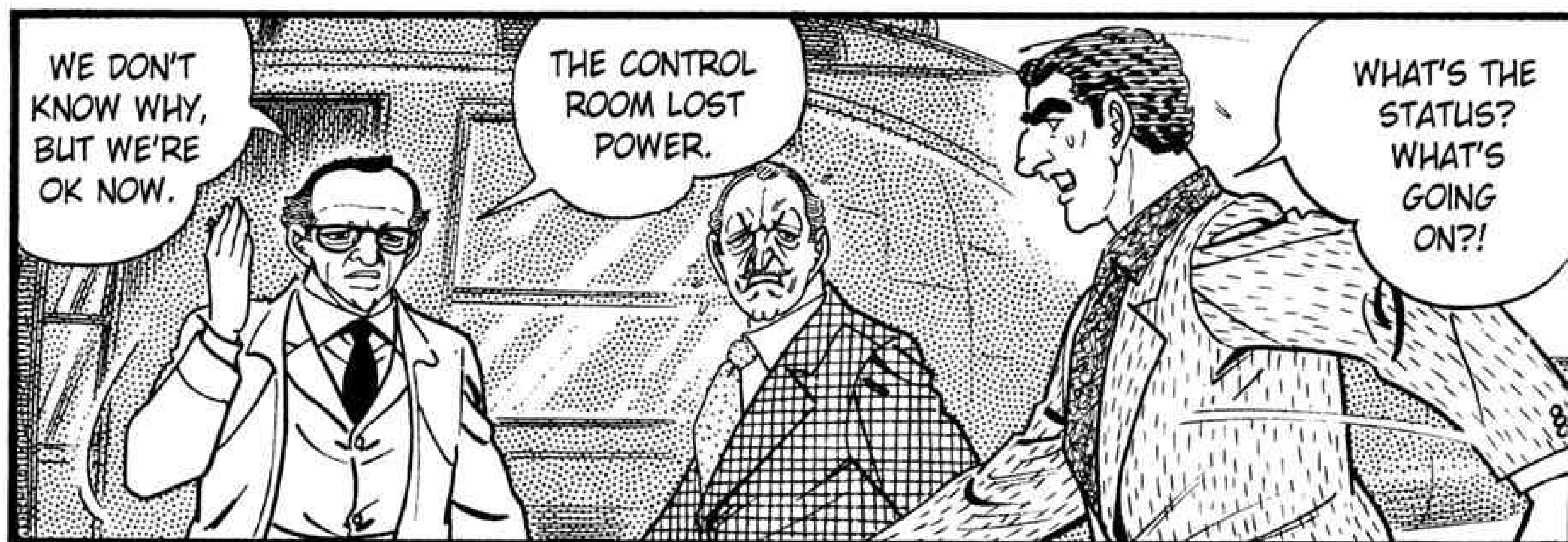
...I-I
SAW HIM
AT THE
BAR...



PART 7 ACCIDENT









THE PRESSURE
AND
TEMPERATURE...
THEY'RE
STARTING
TO RISE
AGAIN...?!



WE'LL FIGURE
THAT OUT LATER.
ALL RIGHT,
ACTIVATE THE
ECCS ON MY
AUTHORITY.



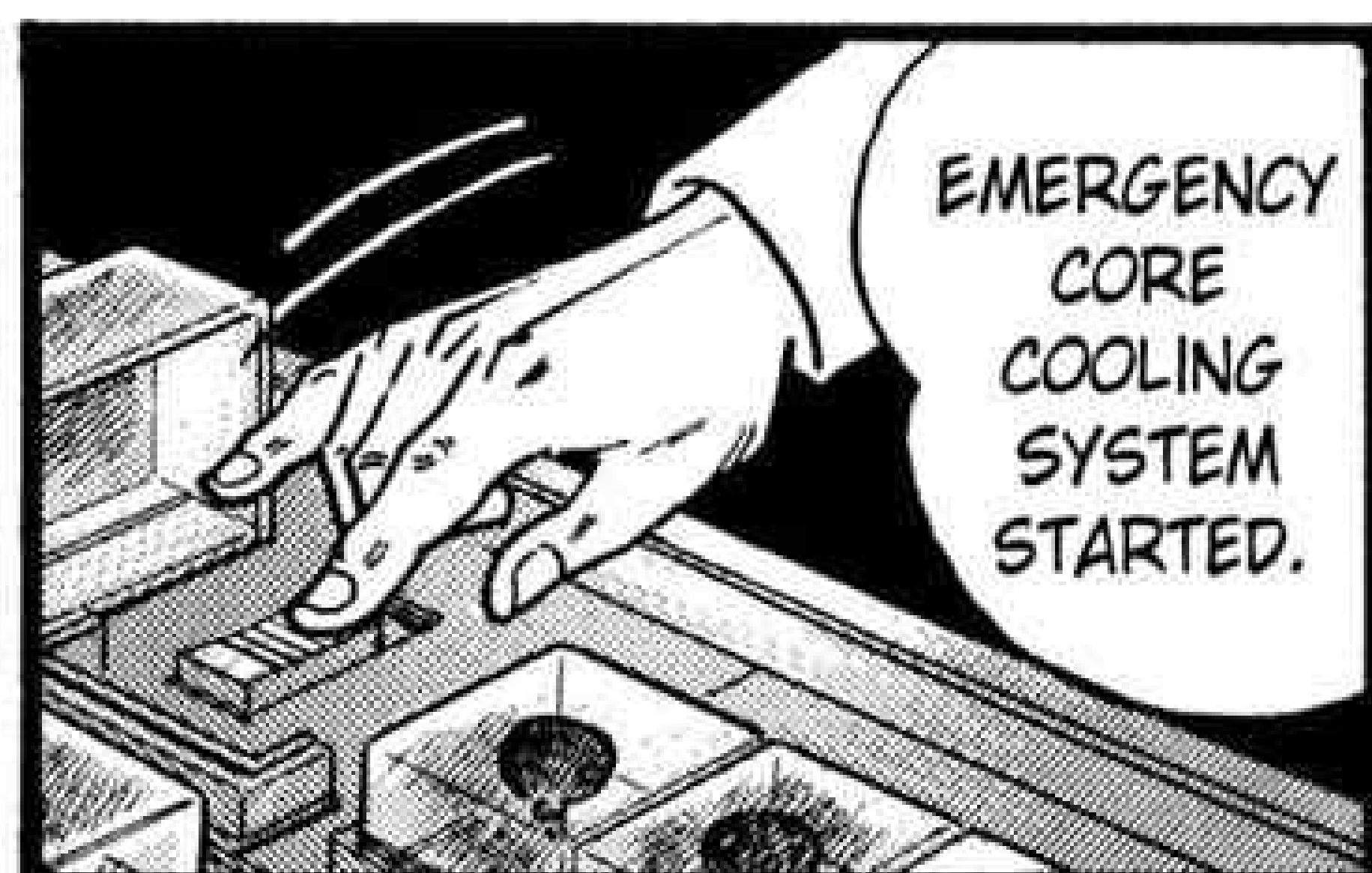
IS IT THE
DISPLAY, OR
THE PUMP?!



WE DON'T
KNOW WHY.
THE DISPLAY
SAYS THE
PRIMARY
COOLING PUMP
IS ACTIVE.

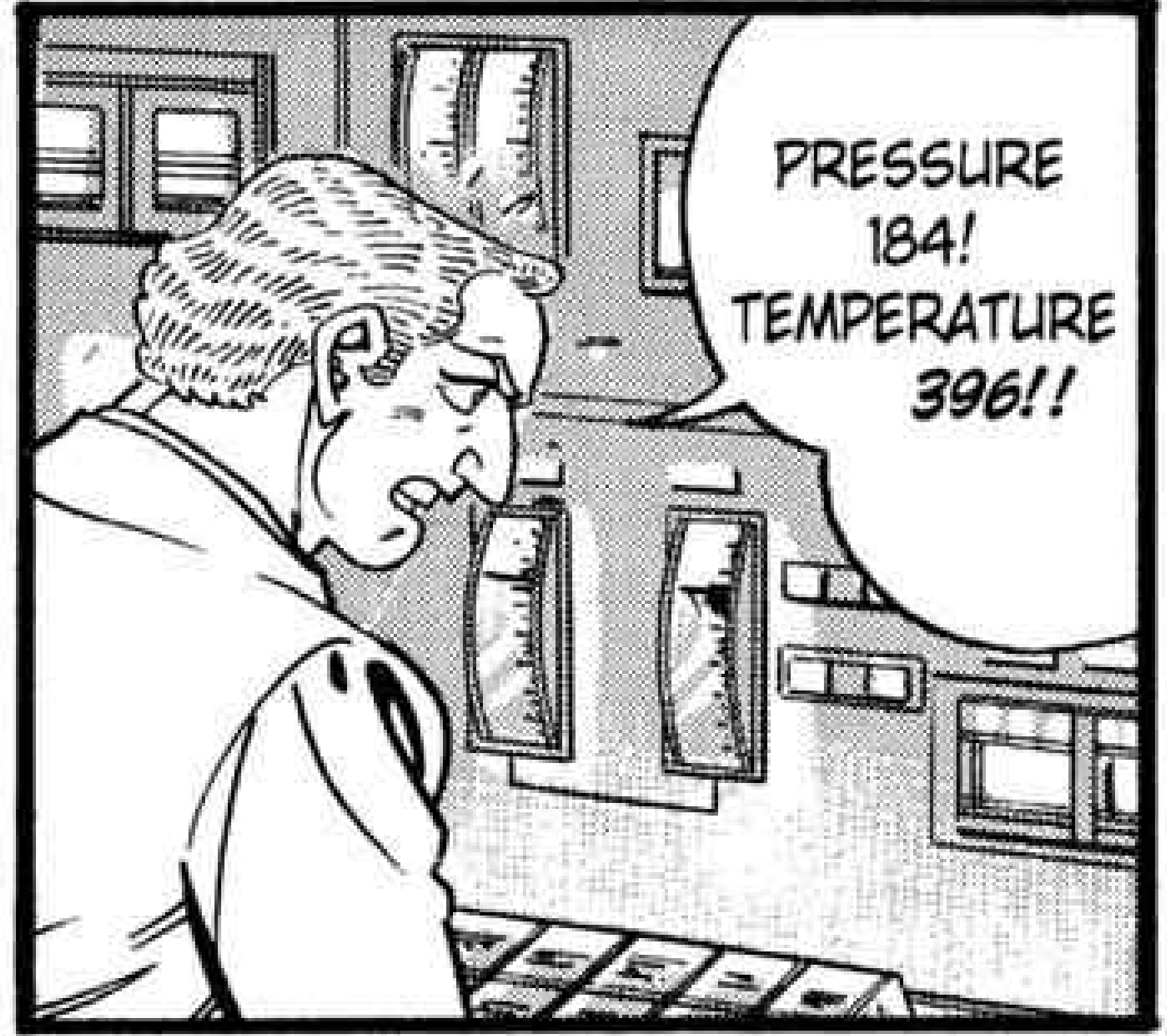


IT STOPPED...
IT STOPPED...
WHY...



IT
STARTED
UP...AND
THEN IT
STOPPED.





...WE'VE GOT
AN ALERT!
RADIATION IN
THE BUILDING!

BREEEEEEEEEP
BREEEEEEEEEP

PRESSURE
138...190...
194...

...THEN
IT'LL LEAK
OUTSIDE.

FIRST
WE'LL GET
IT...

THE STEAM CAN'T
VENT OUT, BUT IT
CAN VENT IN! IT'S
OVERFLOWING
THROUGH THE
RUPTURE DISC ON
THE EXHAUST
TANK...

LISTEN...
WE CAN'T BE
WORRIED JUST
ABOUT OUR
OWN! WHAT'S
THE WIND
READING?!

BLOWING
SOUTHEAST
SIR...JUST
UNDER SIX
METERS PER
SECOND.

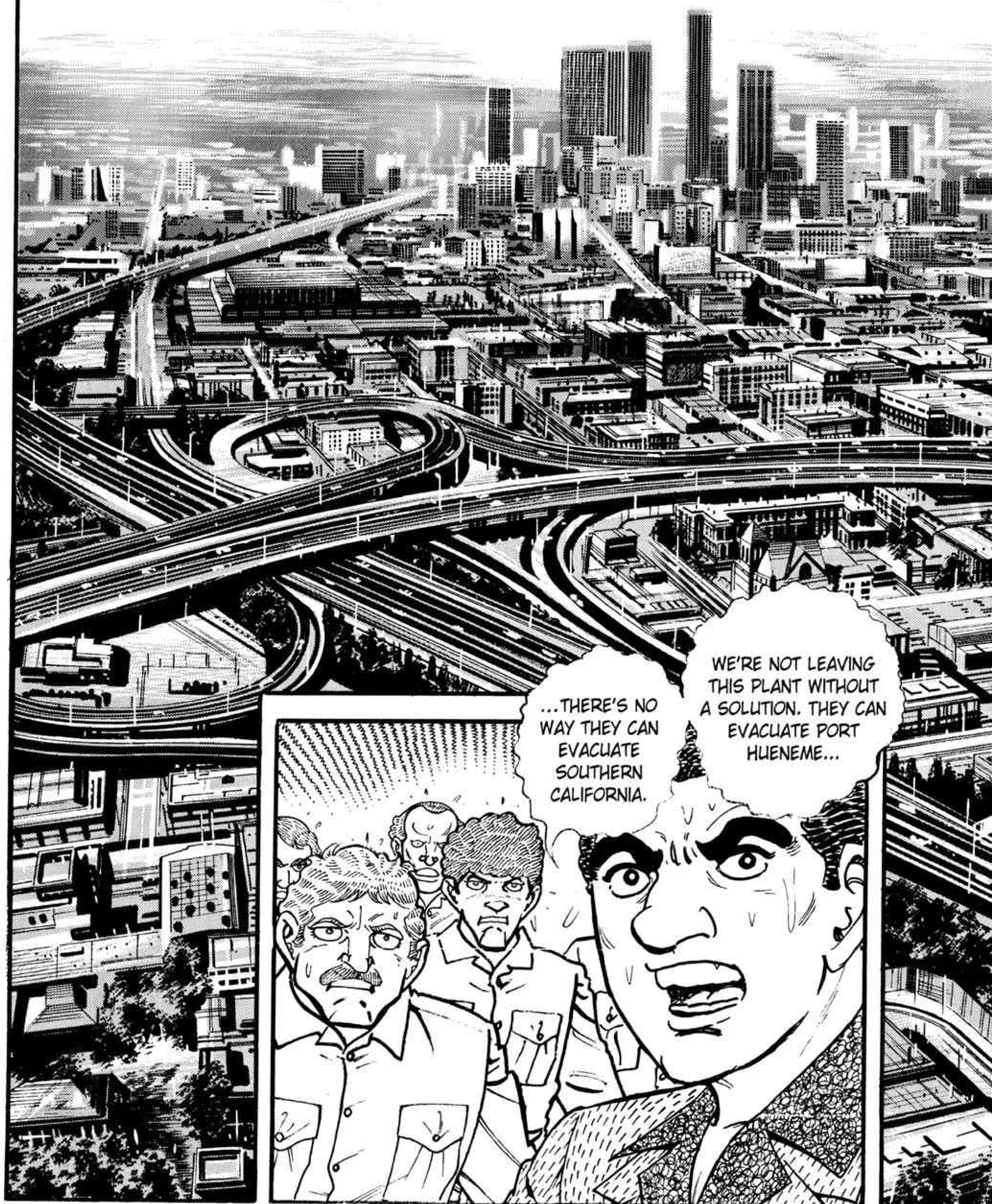
MR. ARAGÓN...
WE NEED TO
CONTACT
THE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES.
MY FAMILY,
TOO...

...IS IT GOING TO
BE FOR PORT
HUENEME...?

HOW
BAD...

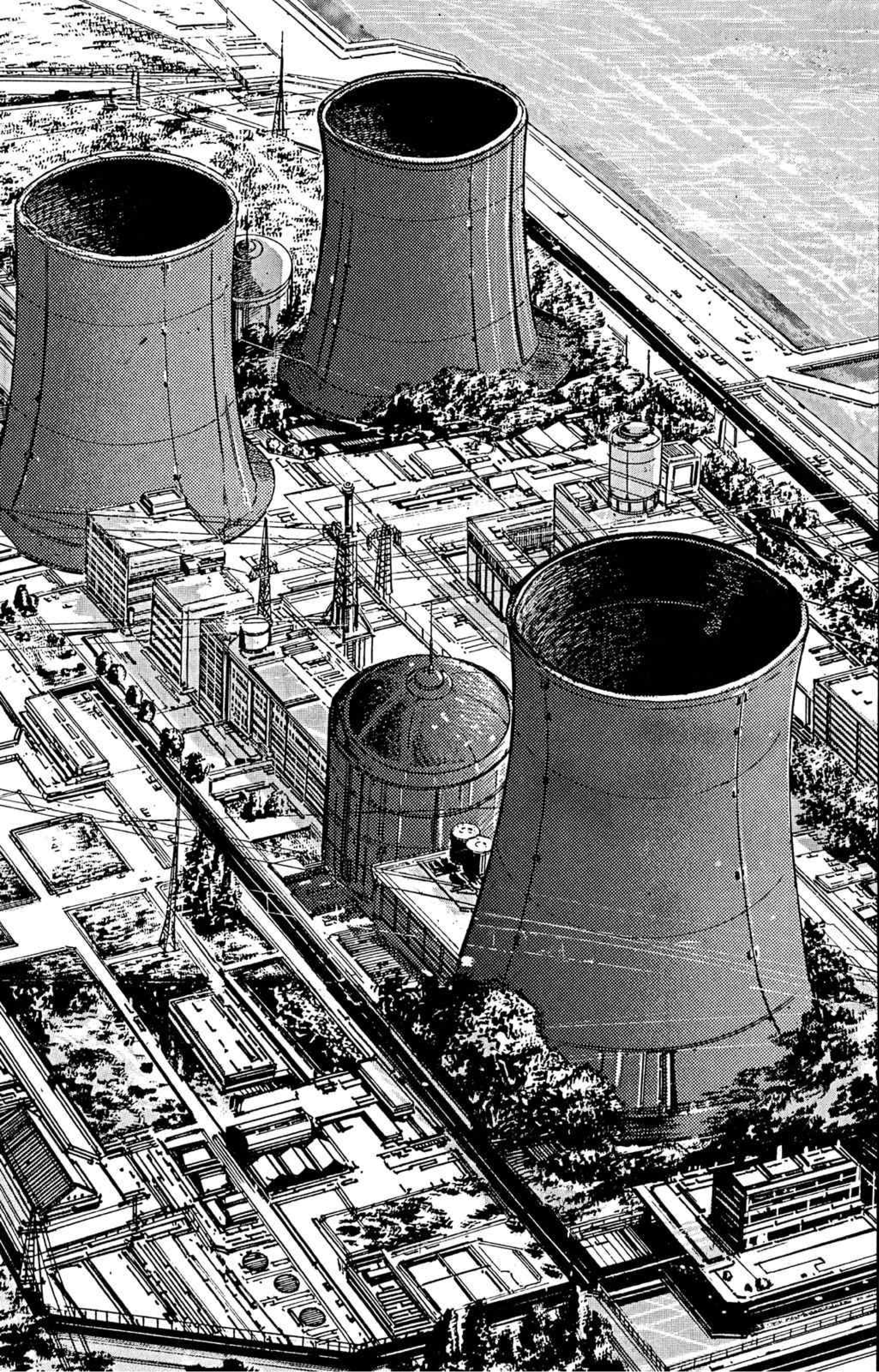
FOUR
HOURS TO
LOS ANGELES.

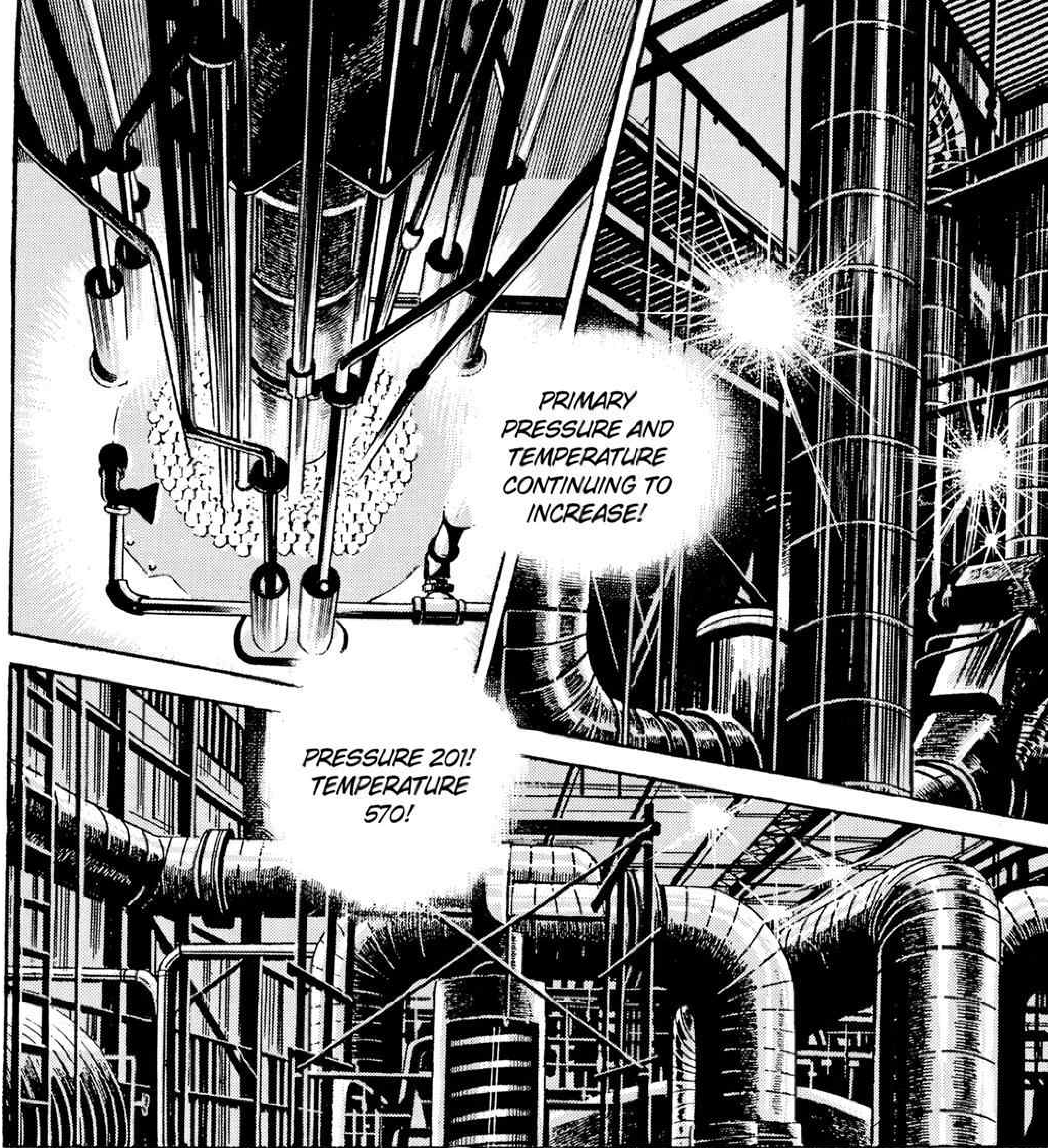
SIX METERS
PER SECOND?
TWENTY
KILOMETERS
PER HOUR!



...THERE'S NO
WAY THEY CAN
EVACUATE
SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA.

WE'RE NOT LEAVING
THIS PLANT WITHOUT
A SOLUTION. THEY CAN
EVACUATE PORT
HUENEME...





PRIMARY
PRESSURE AND
TEMPERATURE
CONTINUING TO
INCREASE!

PRESSURE 20!
TEMPERATURE
570!



I DON'T WANT TO RUN,
BUT DO WE HAVE ANY
OPTIONS? WHAT ARE
WE GOING TO DO,
MIGUEL?

AT LEAST AT
THREE MILE
ISLAND THEY
COULD VENT
OFF THE
STEAM!



CHIEF BARRETT?
IT'S ME. PLEASE
LISTEN CAREFULLY TO
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO
TELL YOU. I'M GOING
TO NEED YOU TO KEEP
YOUR HEAD...EVEN IF
YOU'LL WANT TO
TAKE MINE.

THERE'S BEEN AN
ACCIDENT HERE...CARS
SPEEDING OUT OF TOWN?
YES, THOSE WERE OUR
GUESTS...NO, LISTEN,
CHIEF. I'M ASKING YOU TO
EVACUATE THE TOWN.
KEEP THEM FROM
PANICKING, BUT KEEP
THEM MOVING...





NORTH. JUST
NORTH. I'M GOING
TO TRY AND GET IN
TOUCH WITH THE
LOCAL ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD
COMMANDER.

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
GOING TO
NEED HIM.



THE TOWN
MUST HAVE
ALREADY
PANICKED!

...THE PHONE
COMPANY...ALL
CIRCUITS ARE
BUSY.

IT'S A
RECORDED
MESSAGE...



YES...I'LL
CALL YOU
BACK...
GOODBYE.



GET
THEM ON,
QUICK!

...MASKS!

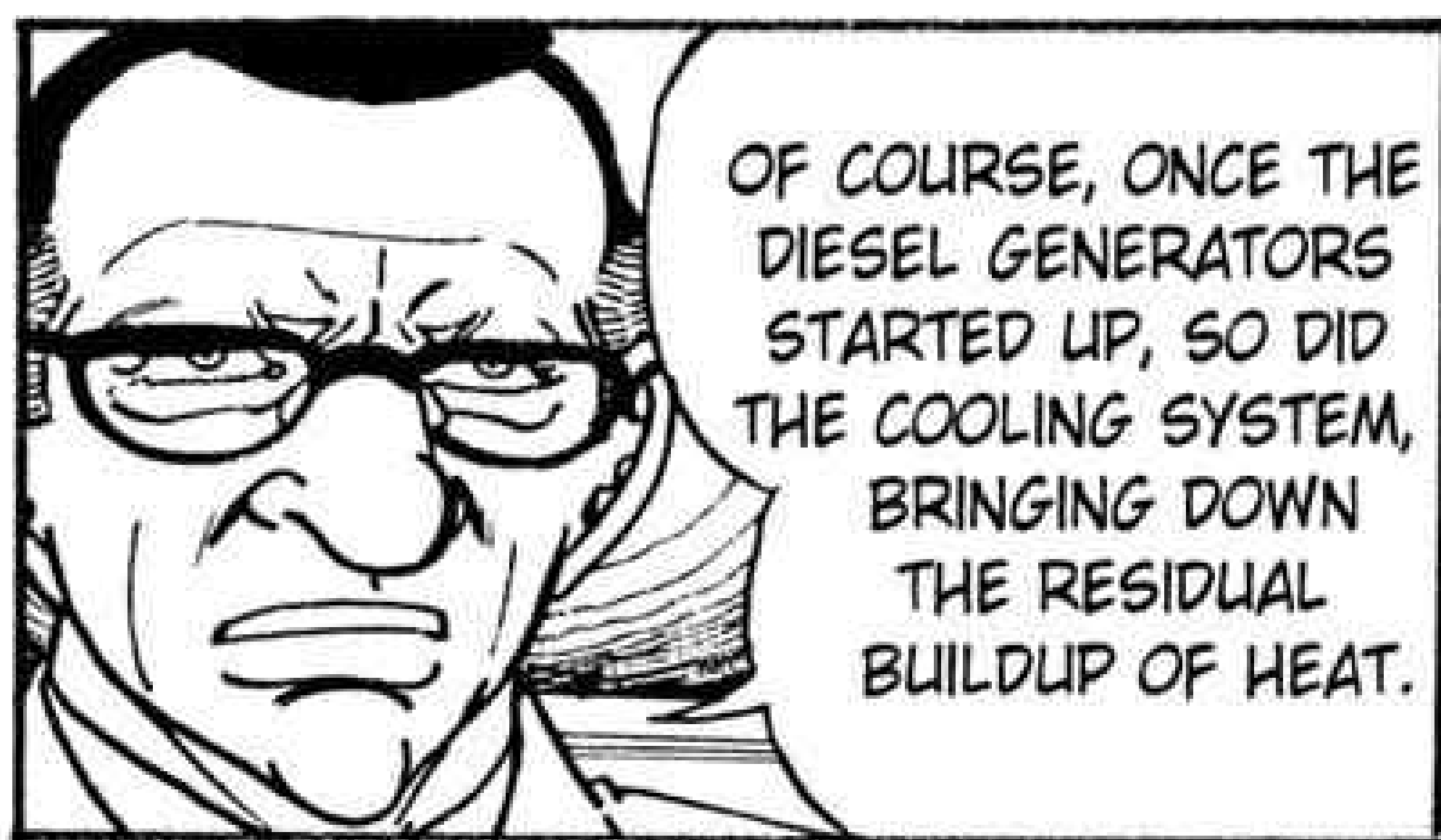
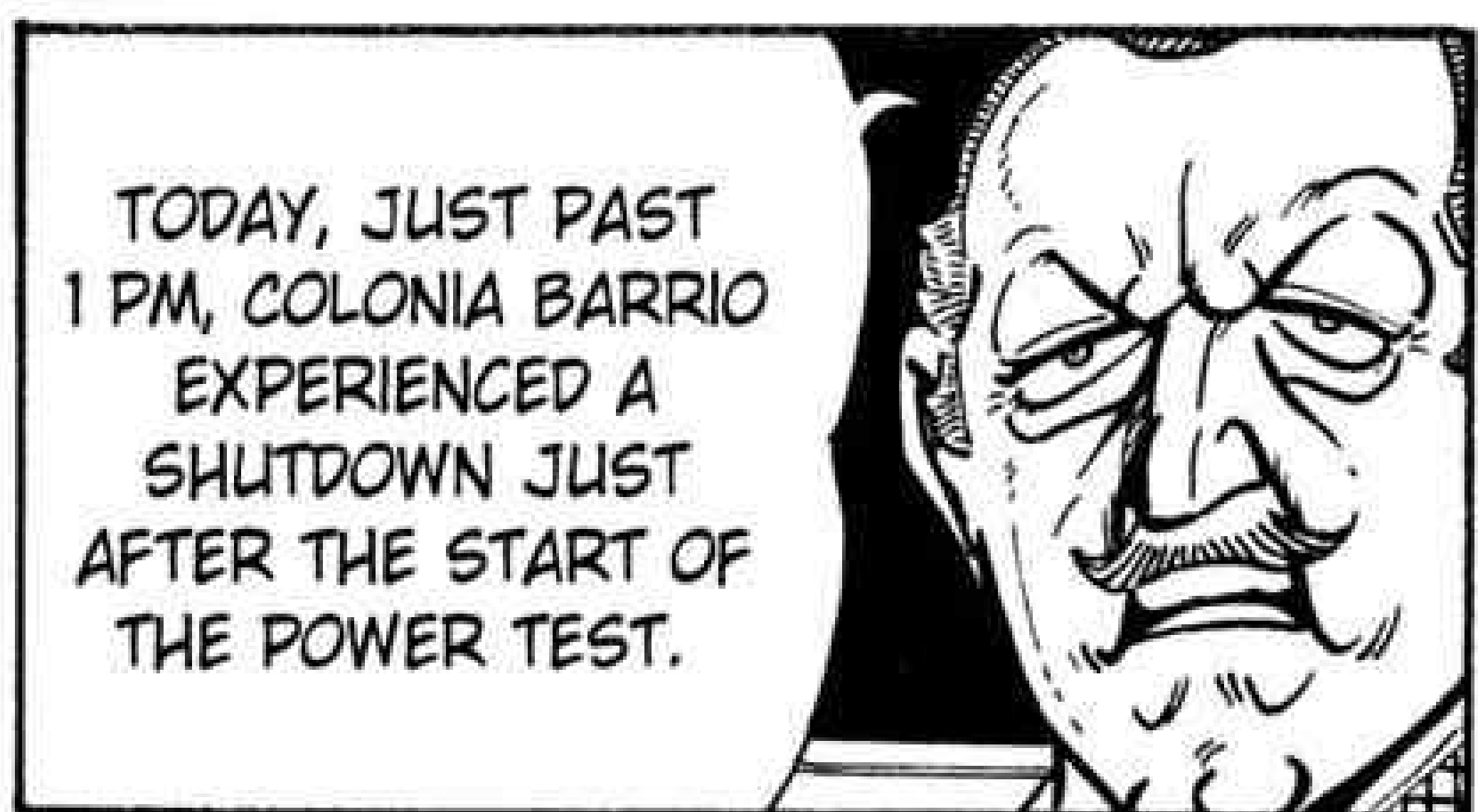


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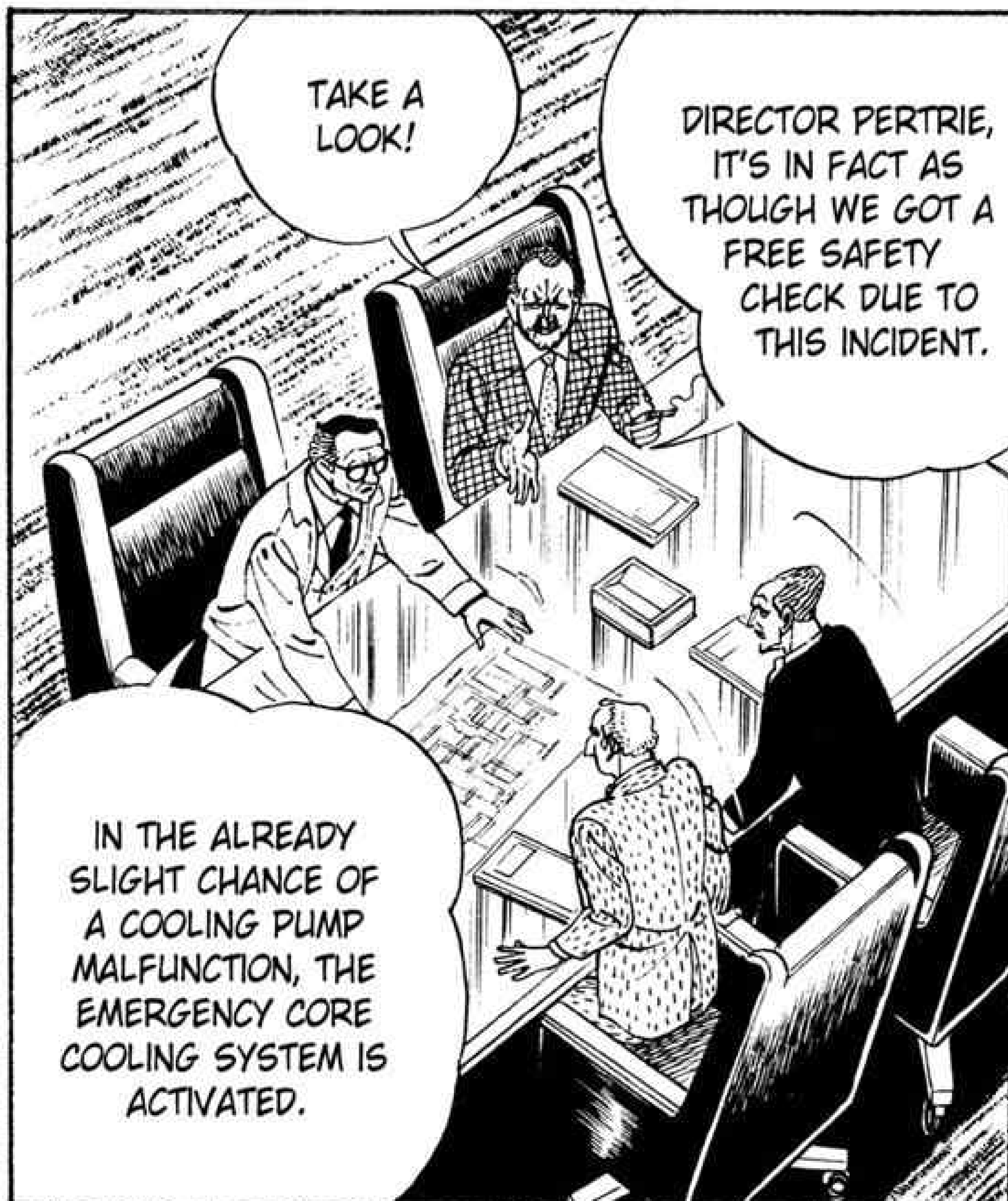
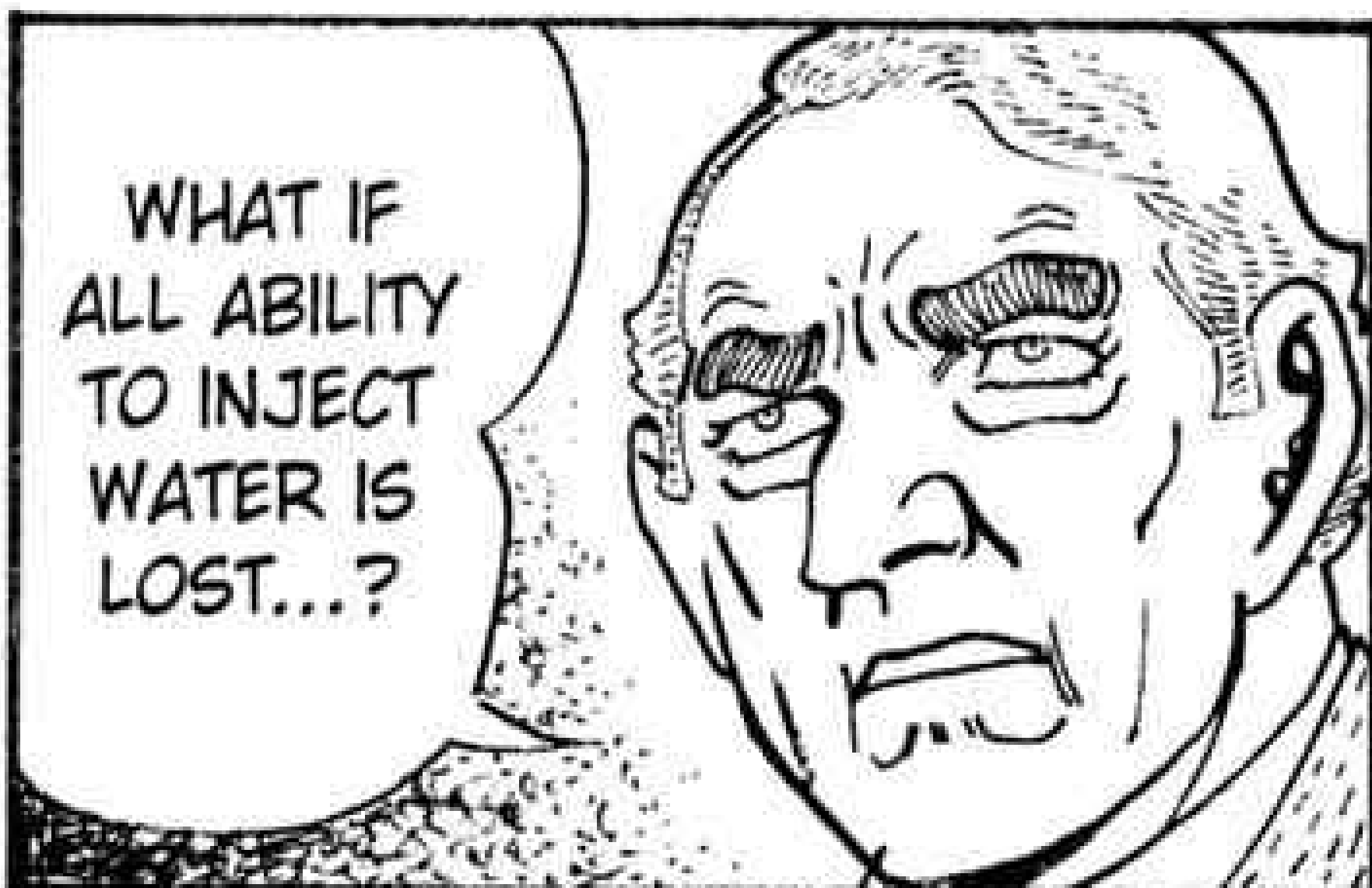




THE ECCS FIRST INJECTS BORON FROM A RESERVOIR TANK, ABSORBING NEUTRONS AND DAMPENING THE REACTION. NEXT, DEPENDING ON THE PRESSURE BUILDUP, EITHER PRESSURIZED OR NON-PRESSURIZED WATER IS INJECTED.



WHAT IF ALL ABILITY TO INJECT WATER IS LOST...?



TAKE A LOOK!

DIRECTOR PERTRIE, IT'S IN FACT AS THOUGH WE GOT A FREE SAFETY CHECK DUE TO THIS INCIDENT.

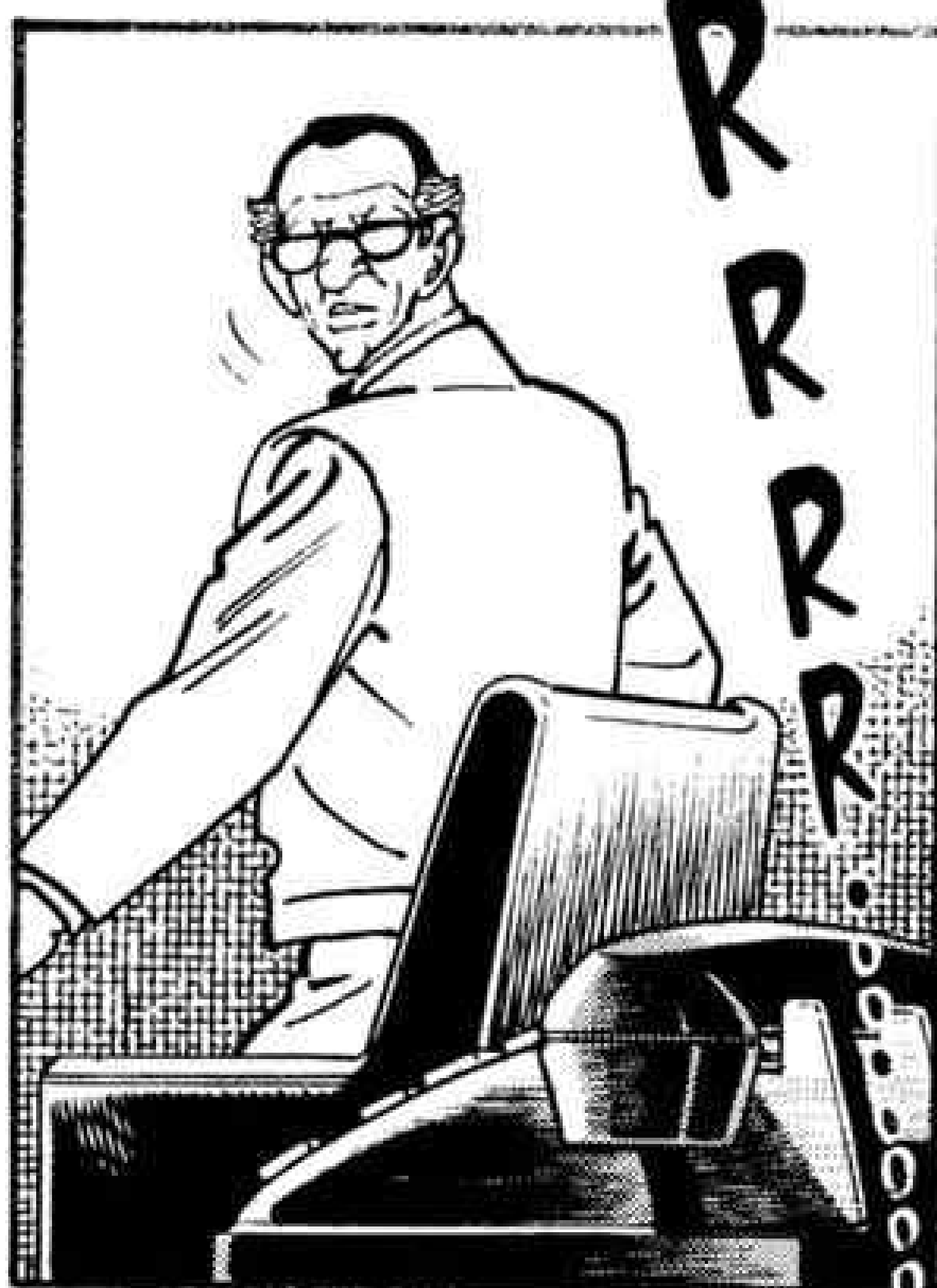
IN THE ALREADY SLIGHT CHANCE OF A COOLING PUMP MALFUNCTION, THE EMERGENCY CORE COOLING SYSTEM IS ACTIVATED.

IF THE MAIN EXHAUST WILL NOT OPEN DUE TO POWER FAILURE, THERE ARE FOUR PASSIVE BACKUPS, EXHAUSTS HELD CLOSED BY A SPRING SYSTEM...

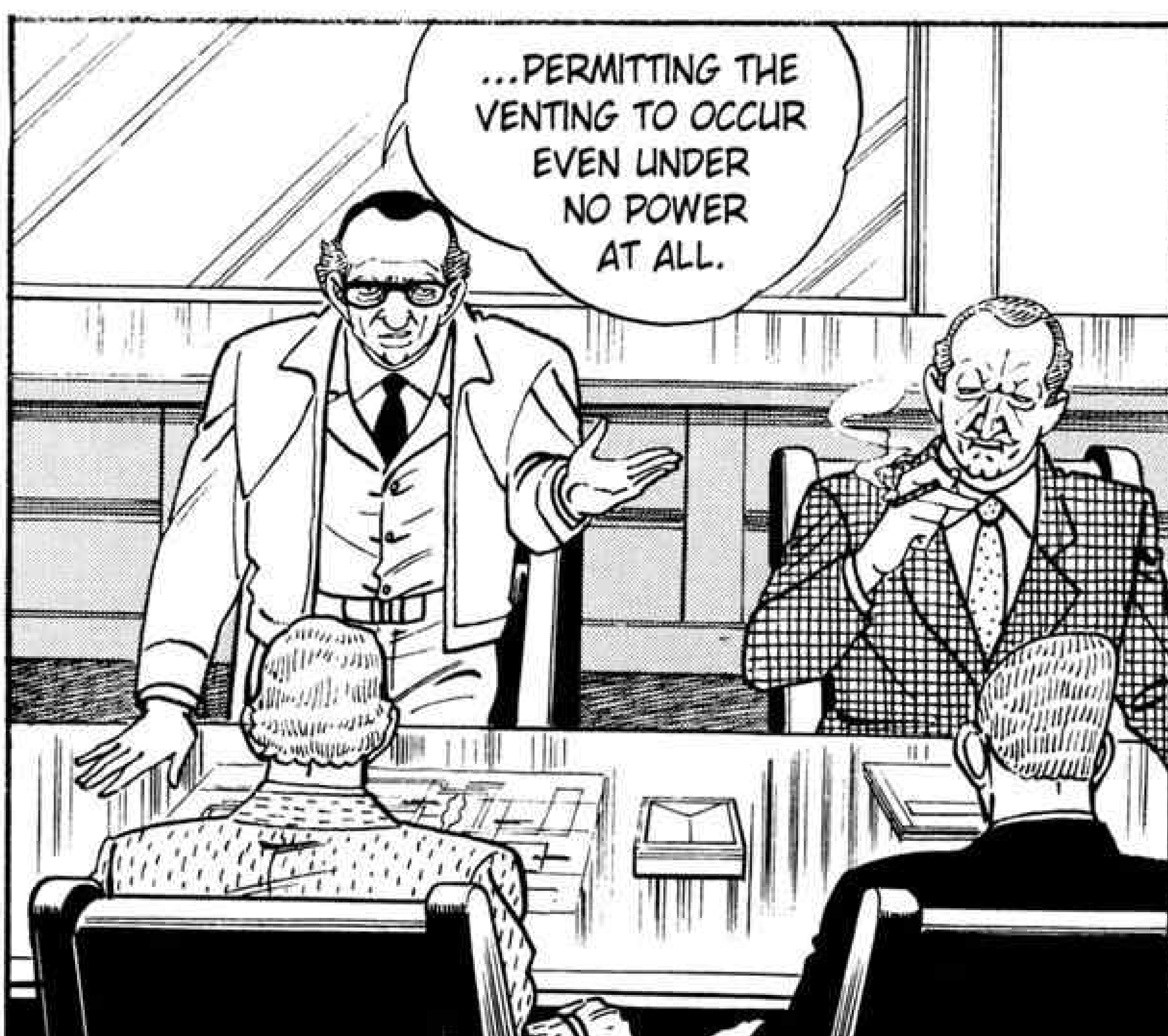


...THE EXHAUST SYSTEM WILL PERMIT THE BUILDUP OF STEAM TO BE VENTED OUT THE BUILDING...

IN THE VERY UNLIKELY CASE THAT HAPPENS, AND THE REACTOR IS PUT UNDER HIGH PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE...



R
R
R
R
R
pop...
pop...
pop...

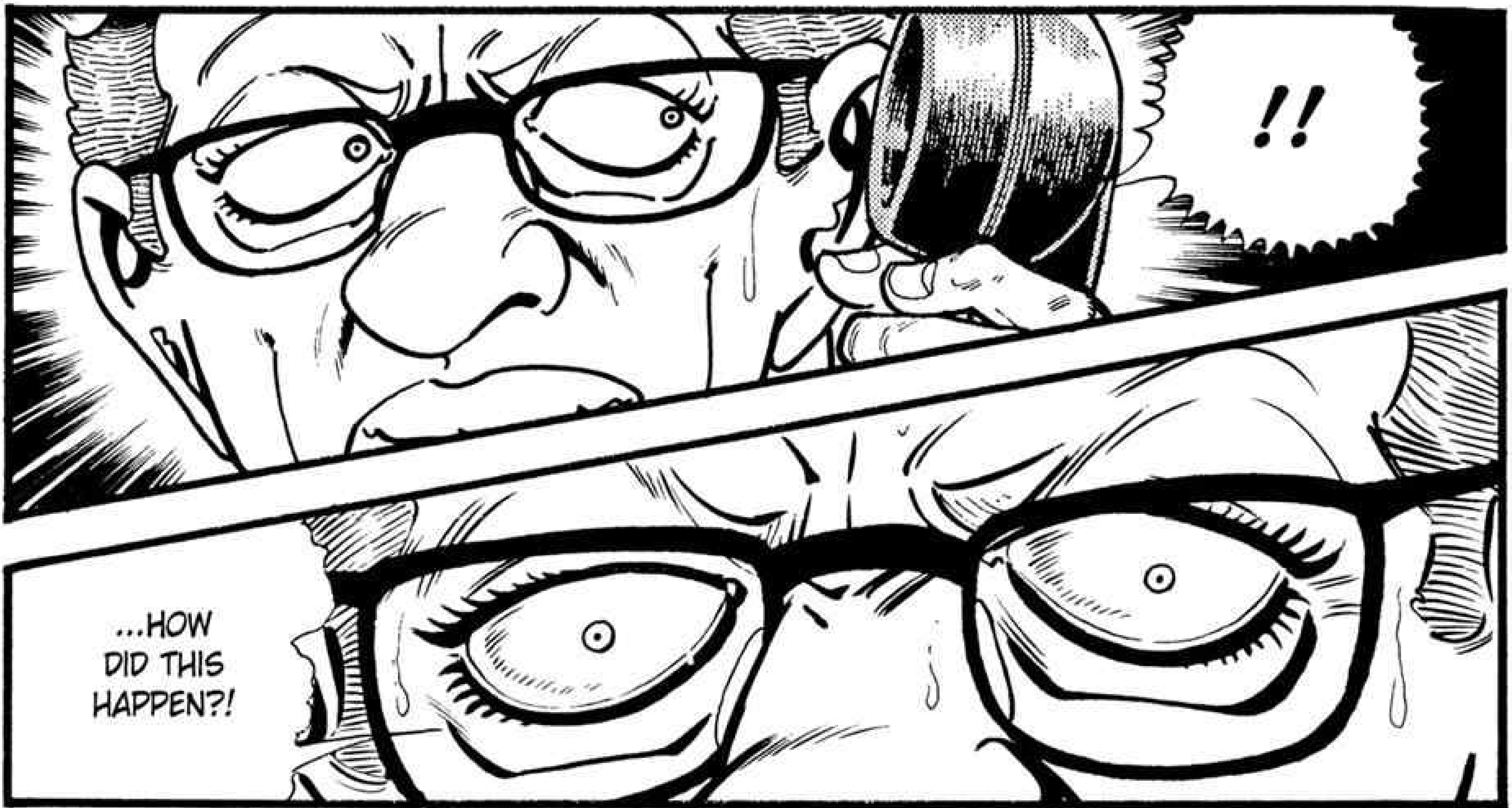


...PERMITTING THE VENTING TO OCCUR EVEN UNDER NO POWER AT ALL.



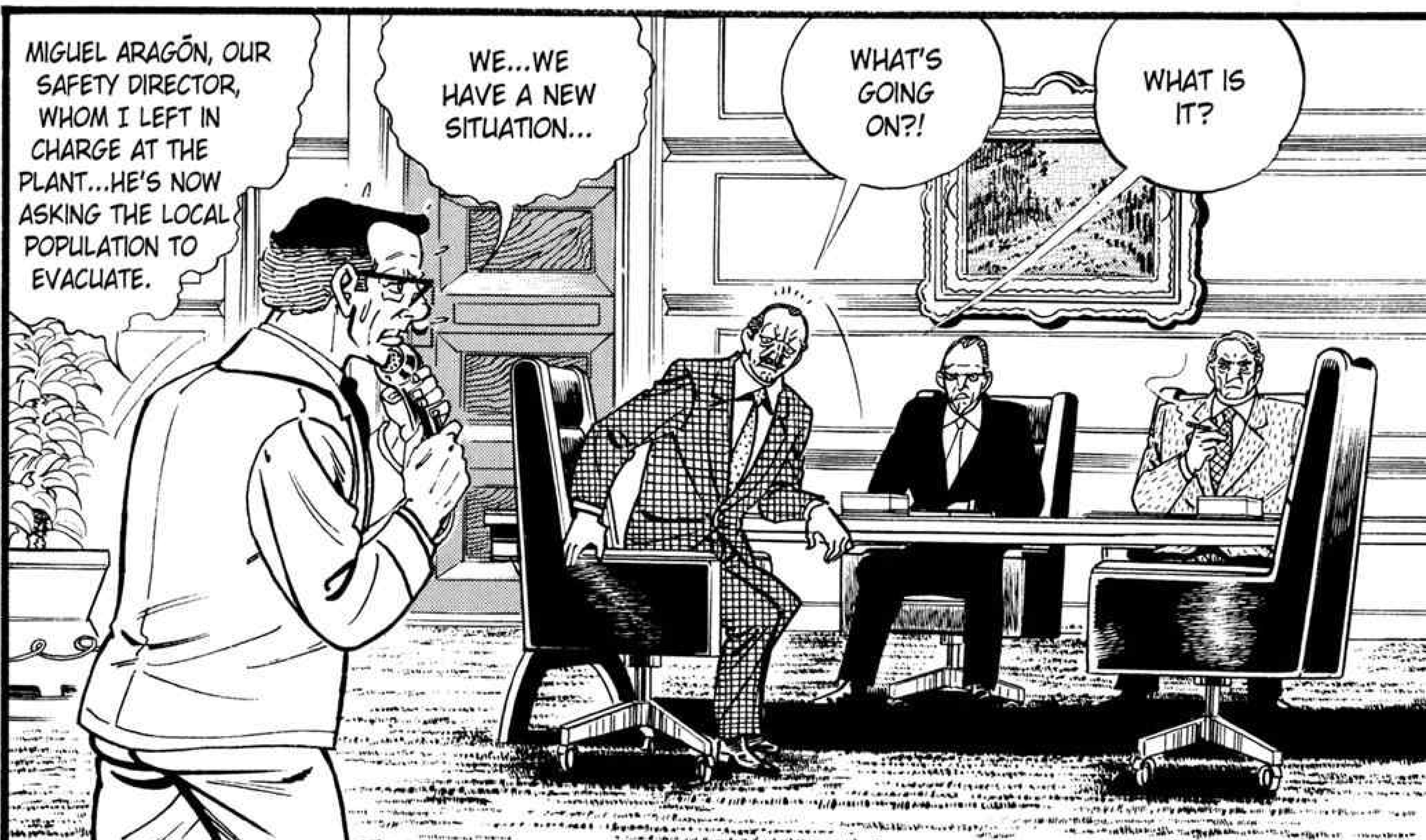
JERRY PALMER
SPEAKING.
WE'RE IN A...

I'LL GET
THIS.



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...HOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN?!

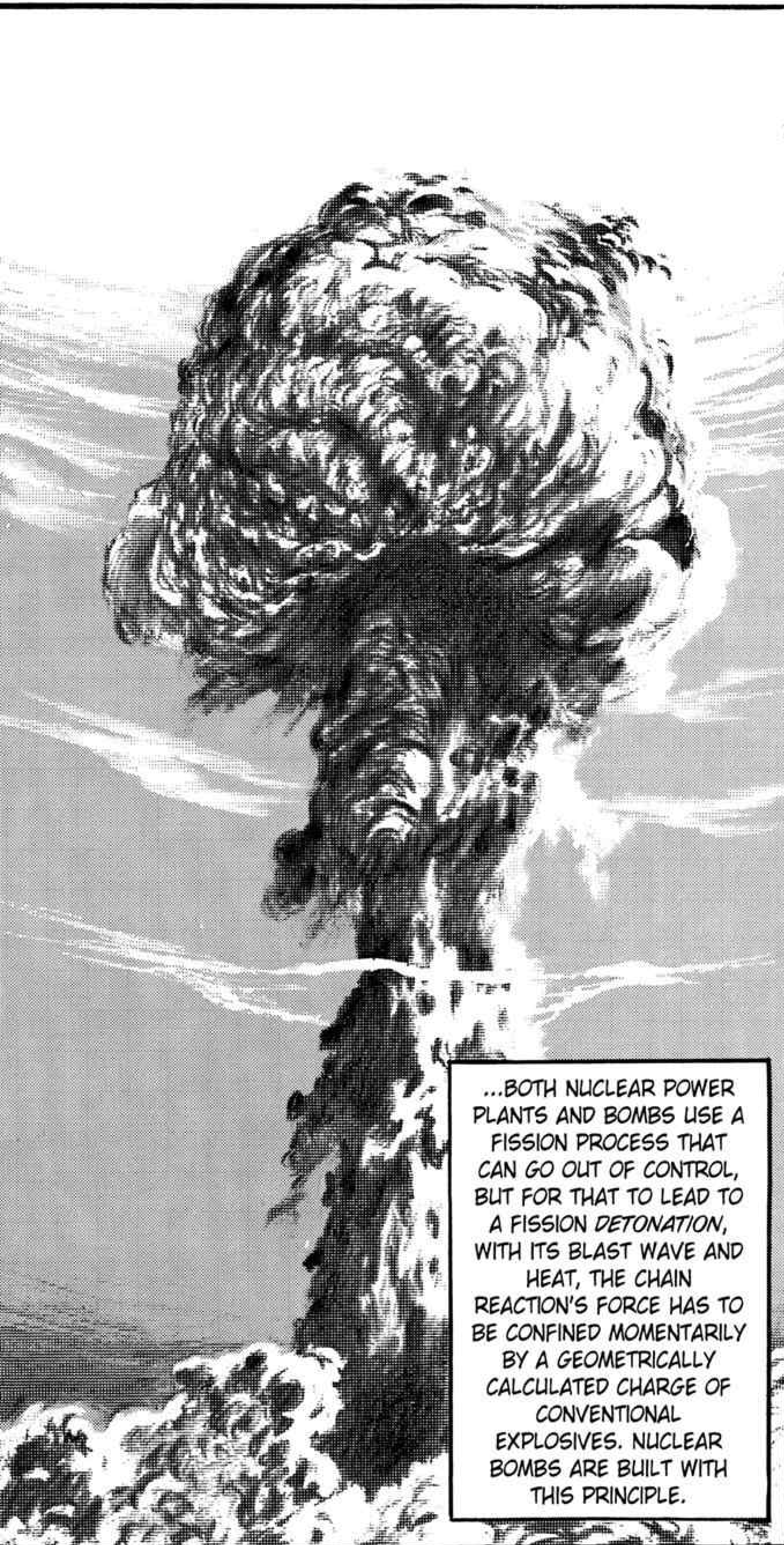


MIGUEL ARAGÓN, OUR
SAFETY DIRECTOR,
WHOM I LEFT IN
CHARGE AT THE
PLANT...HE'S NOW
ASKING THE LOCAL
POPULATION TO
EVACUATE.

WE...WE
HAVE A NEW
SITUATION...

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

WHAT IS
IT?



...BOTH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND BOMBS USE A FISSION PROCESS THAT CAN GO OUT OF CONTROL, BUT FOR THAT TO LEAD TO A FISSION DETONATION, WITH ITS BLAST WAVE AND HEAT, THE CHAIN REACTION'S FORCE HAS TO BE CONFINED MOMENTARILY BY A GEOMETRICALLY CALCULATED CHARGE OF CONVENTIONAL EXPLOSIVES. NUCLEAR BOMBS ARE BUILT WITH THIS PRINCIPLE.

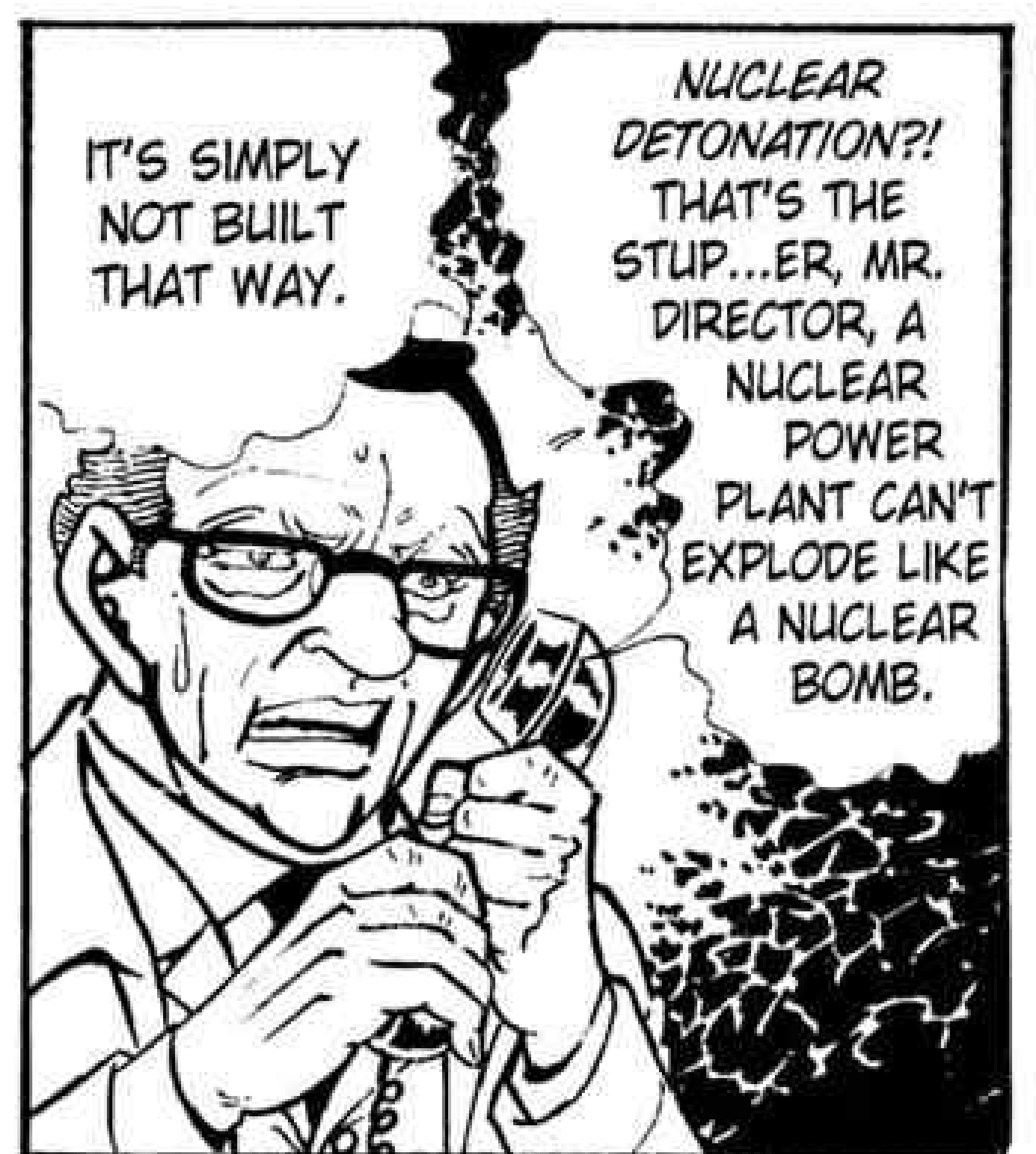


THE
WHOLE
TOWN?
WHY?



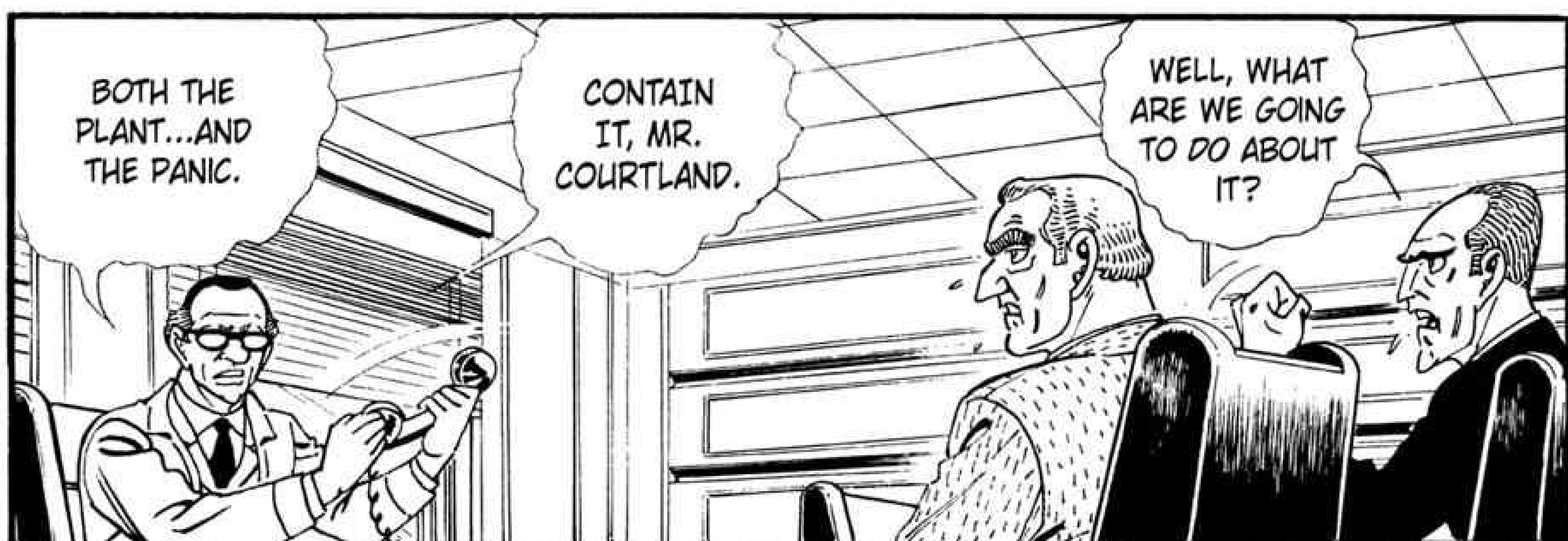
DO YOU
REALIZE
WHAT
THAT...

WHAT ARE WE
FACING HERE?
IS THERE A
RISK OF A
NUCLEAR
DETONATION?!

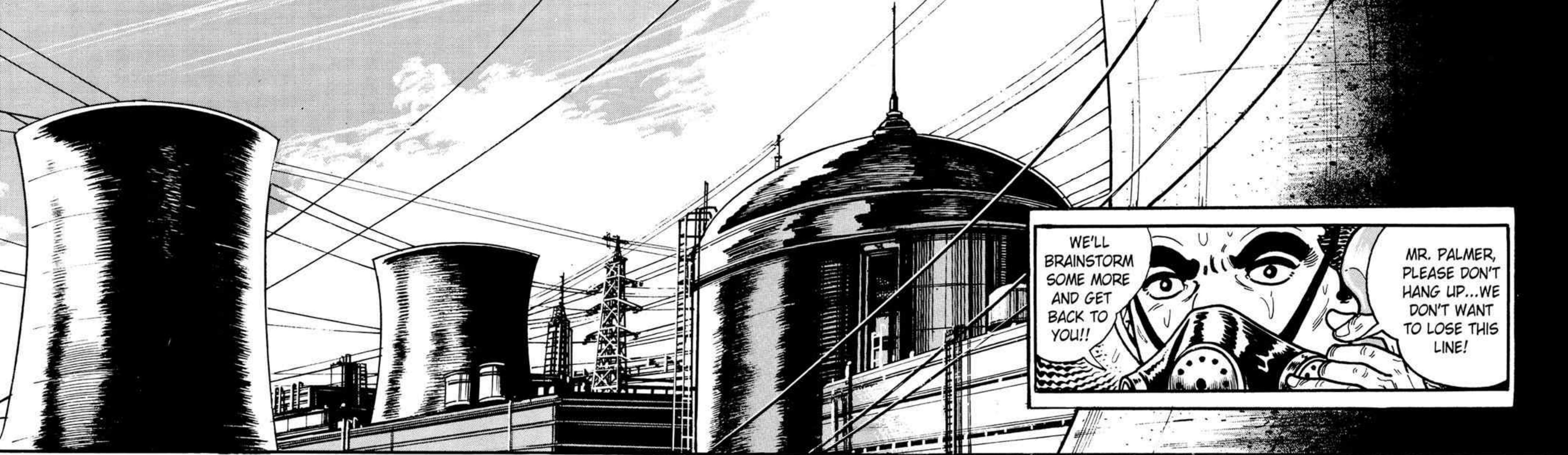


IT'S SIMPLY
NOT BUILT
THAT WAY.

NUCLEAR
DETONATION?!
THAT'S THE
STUP...ER, MR.
DIRECTOR, A
NUCLEAR
POWER
PLANT CAN'T
EXPLODE LIKE
A NUCLEAR
BOMB.







WE'LL
BRAINSTORM
SOME MORE
AND GET
BACK TO
YOU!!

MR. PALMER,
PLEASE DON'T
HANG UP...WE
DON'T WANT
TO LOSE THIS
LINE!



...WE NEED
TO GET
THEM
OPEN.

IT COMES DOWN
TO THE EXHAUSTS
ABOVE THE
STEAMER OR THE
PRESSURIZER, OR
THE PIPES NEAR
THE SAFETY
EXHAUST...



...EVEN IF WE CAN
RELIEVE THE
PRESSURE, AND
INJECT COOLANTS IN,
THERE'S A STRONG
POSSIBILITY OF
A HYDROGEN
LEAK. MIXING
IN THE AIR...

GET
THEM...?
BUT...



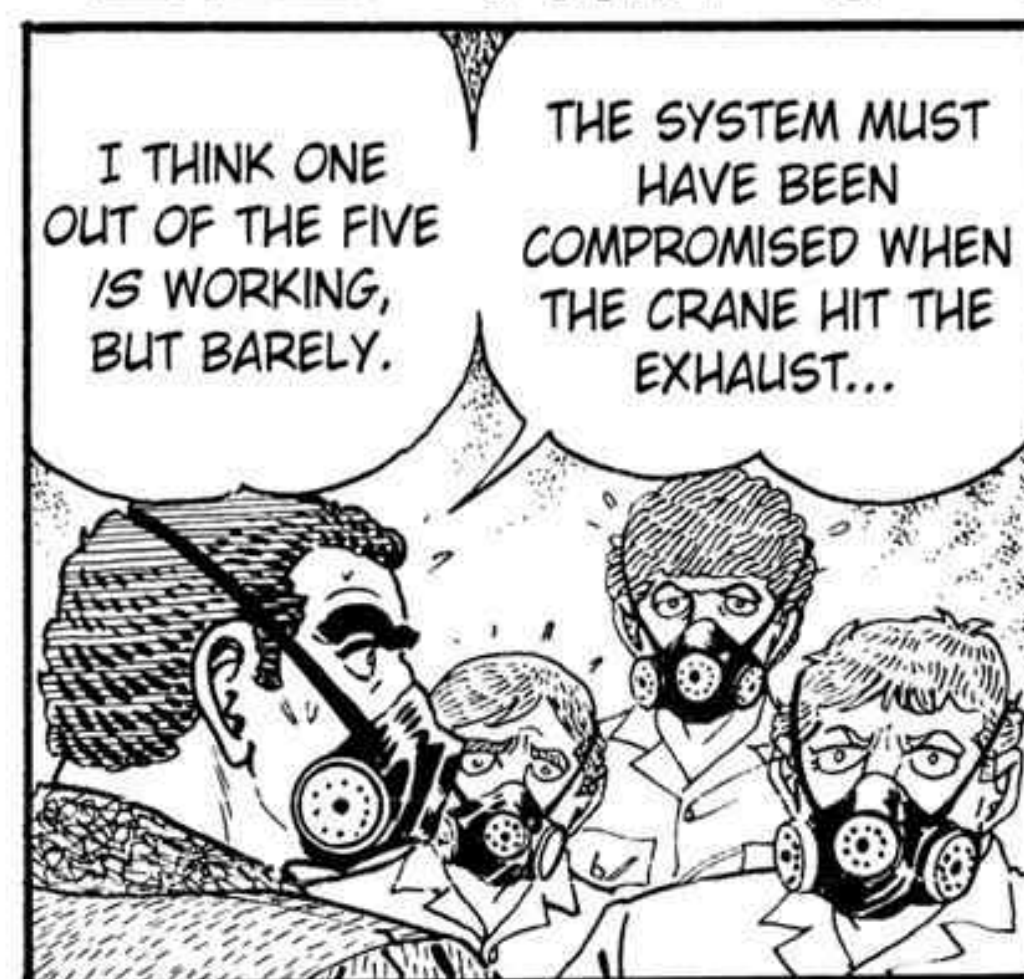
IT'S AT 700
DEGREES
CENTIGRADE IN
THE REACTOR
NOW...

THAT'S DOING US SOME
HARM, PUTTING RADIATION
IN THE AIR, AND IT'S
DOING US NO GOOD. IT'S
NOT ENOUGH TO STOP
THE TEMPERATURE
BUILDUP.

...AT 1132
DEGREES,
URANIUM
MELTDOWN.



PART 9 THE GAMBLE



I THINK ONE
OUT OF THE FIVE
IS WORKING,
BUT BARELY.

THE SYSTEM MUST
HAVE BEEN
COMPROMISED WHEN
THE CRANE HIT THE
EXHAUST...



IT'S A
RELATIVE
TRICKLE, BUT
THE STEAM IS
GRADUALLY
ESCAPING.





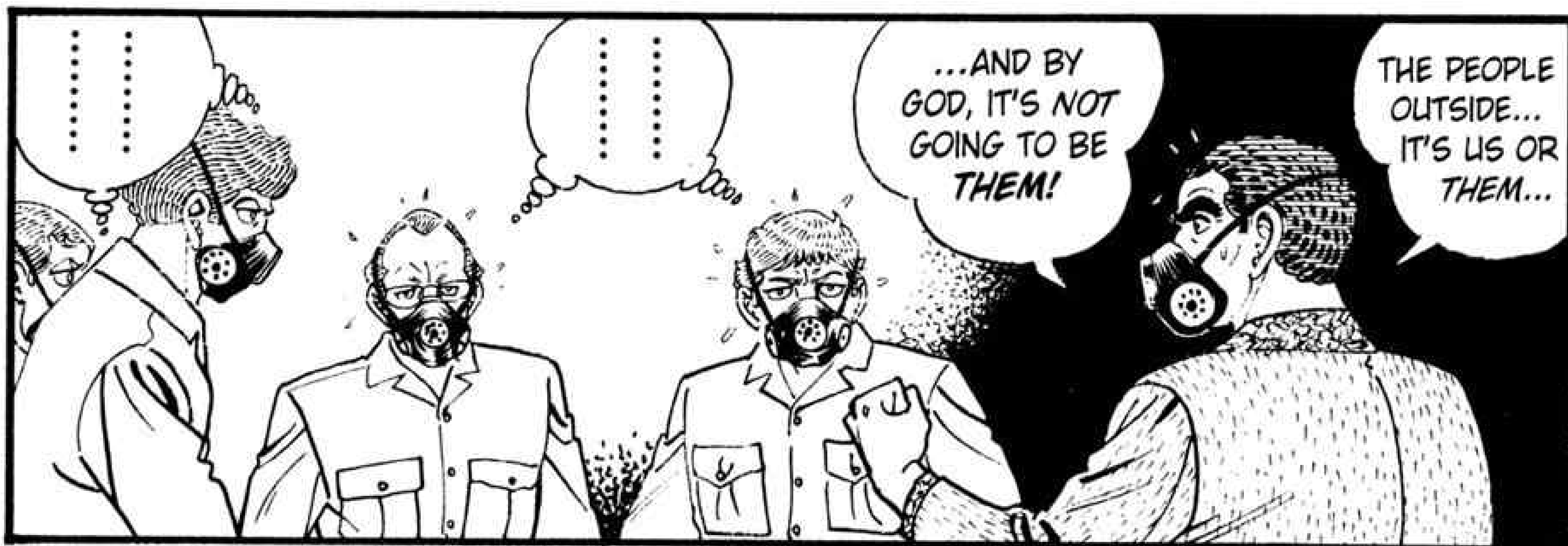
...WELL
...IT'S
FLAM-
MABLE...



THE OPERATORS
WHO DIED AT
IDAHO FALLS IN
1961...THEY BURIED
WHAT WAS LEFT
OF THEM IN
**LEAD-LINED
COFFINS.**

THAT ISN'T A
KETTLE DOWN
THERE, MIGUEL...IT
WOULD BLAST US
TO PIECES.

WE'VE ALSO GOT TO
LOOK AT THE
CONSEQUENCES IF WE
DO GET THE COOLANT
THROUGH...HOT AS THE
PILE IS NOW, WE'RE
LOOKING AT A STEAM
EXPLOSION.



...AND BY
GOD, IT'S NOT
GOING TO BE
THEM!

THE PEOPLE
OUTSIDE...
IT'S US OR
THEM...

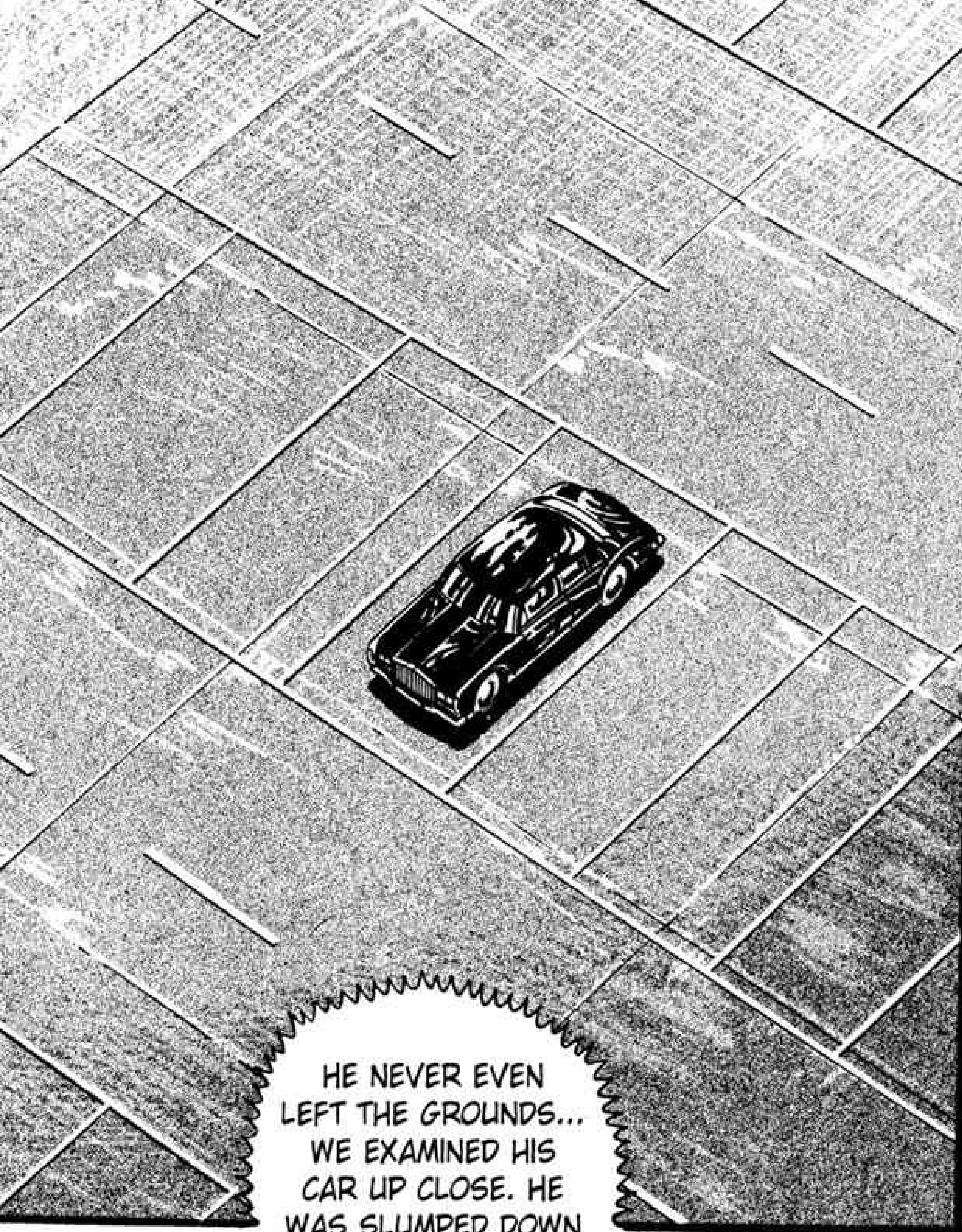


SO IF YOU
WANT TO TAKE
IT...TAKE IT
WITH ME.

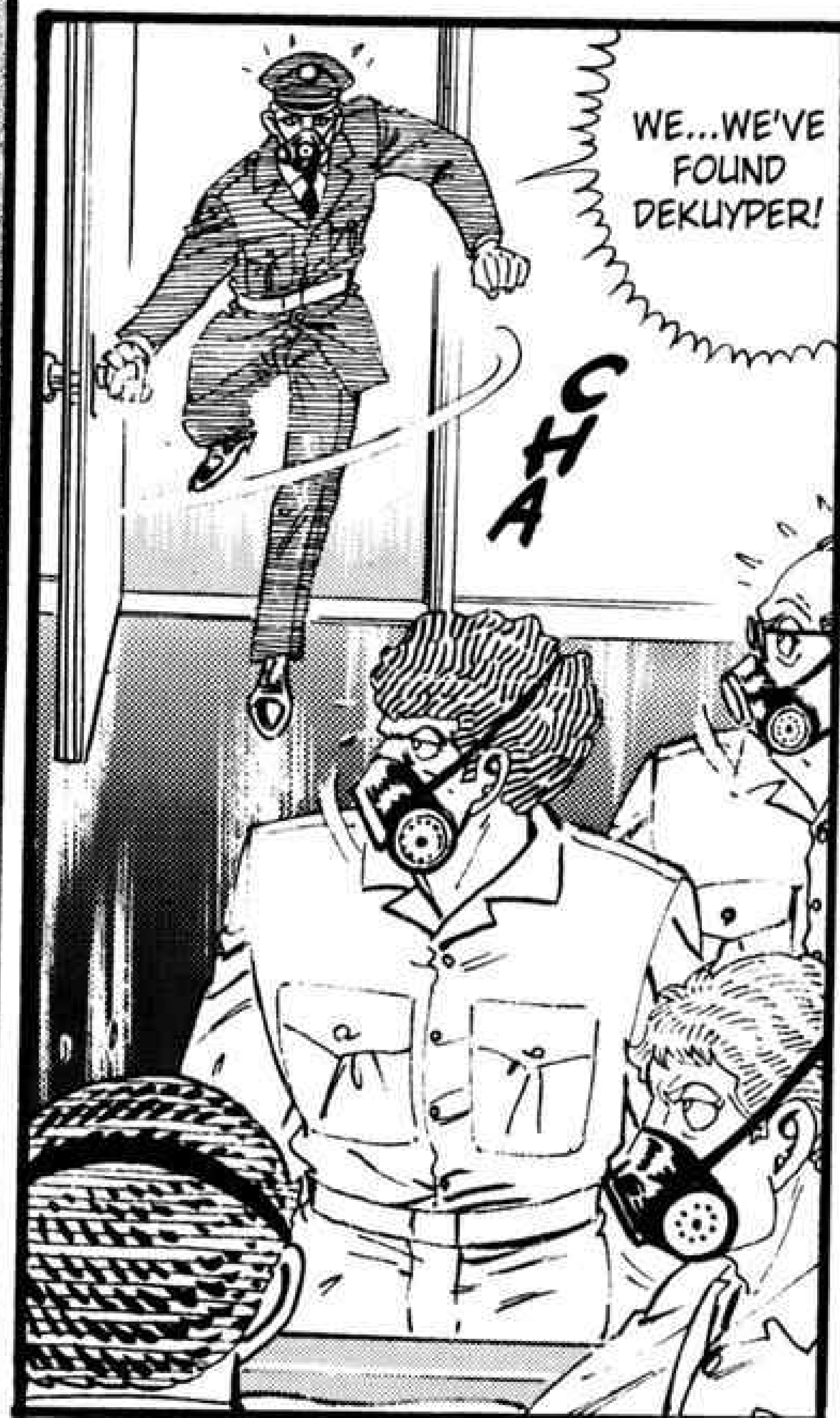
WINDSCALE AND
THREE MILE ISLAND
MELTED DOWN
WITHOUT EXPLODING.
THIS ISN'T SUICIDE,
IT'S A GAMBLE.

LISTEN, THIS ISN'T WHERE
WE EARN OUR *PAYCHECKS*.
THIS IS WHERE WE SHOW
WHAT WE ARE AS MEN.
WE'VE ALREADY GOT A
CRISIS...BUT MAYBE WE
CAN KEEP IT FROM BE-
COMING A CATASTROPHE.





HE NEVER EVEN
LEFT THE GROUNDS...
WE EXAMINED HIS
CAR UP CLOSE. HE
WAS SLUMPED DOWN
INSIDE...SHOT IN
THE HEAD.



WE...WE'VE
FOUND
DEKLYPER!

CHA



JESUS! WHAT
THE HELL'S
GOING ON
AROUND
HERE?!

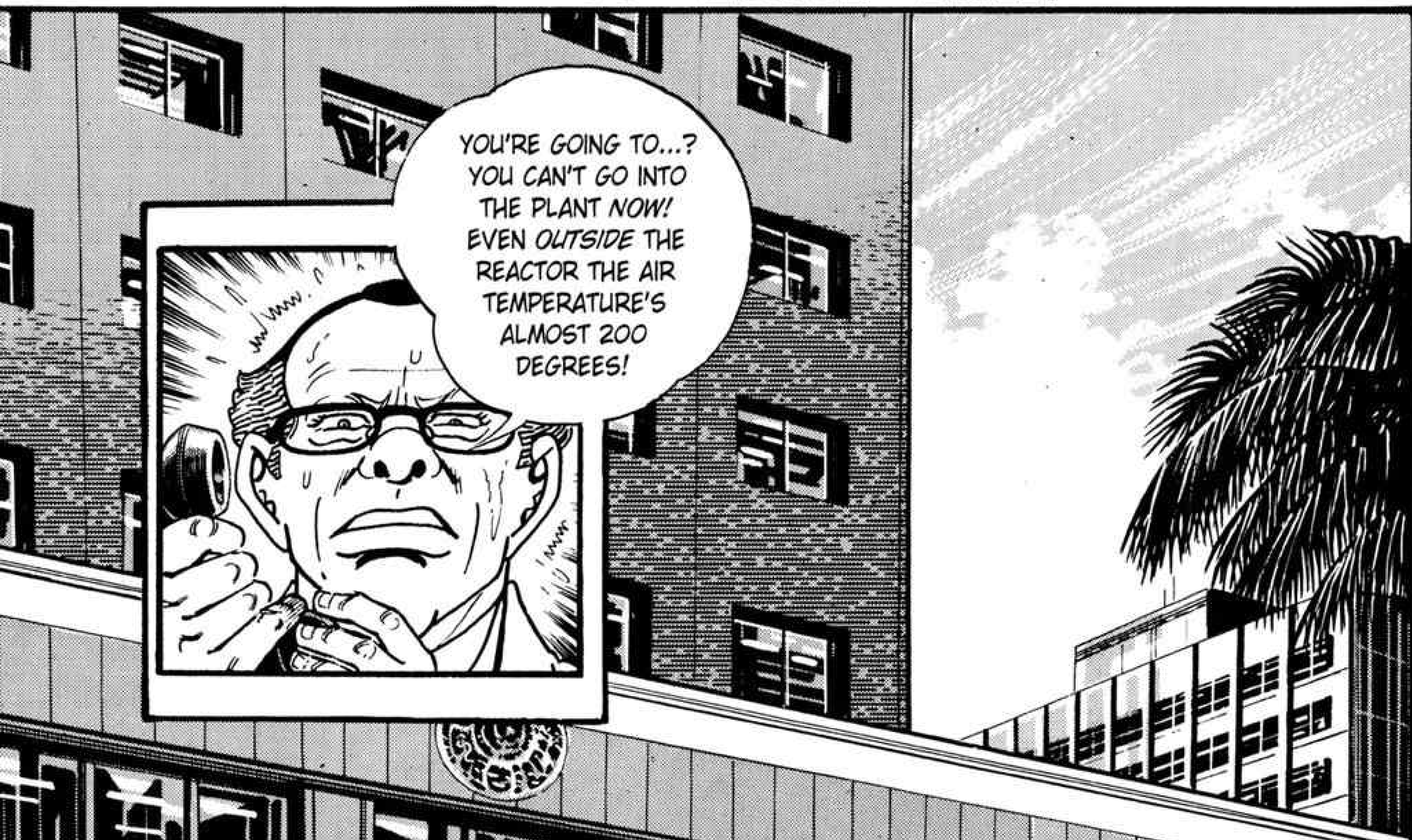
YOU'RE SAYING
SOMEONE
KILLED HIM?

SHOT?!





PART 10 THAT MAN







IF YOU'RE OUT OF
OPTIONS, AND IT
SOUNDS LIKE TO ME
YOU ARE, THAN THE
RIGHT THING TO DO IS
GET OUT OF THERE. YOU
NEED TO MAKE A
DECISION--

RIGHT...RIGHT...
THEY TOOK THEM
UP TO ARROYO
VERDE...



JUST WAIT A
LITTLE WHILE,
JERRY...I'LL
BE BACK IN
AN HOUR.



WAIT...WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING...?!

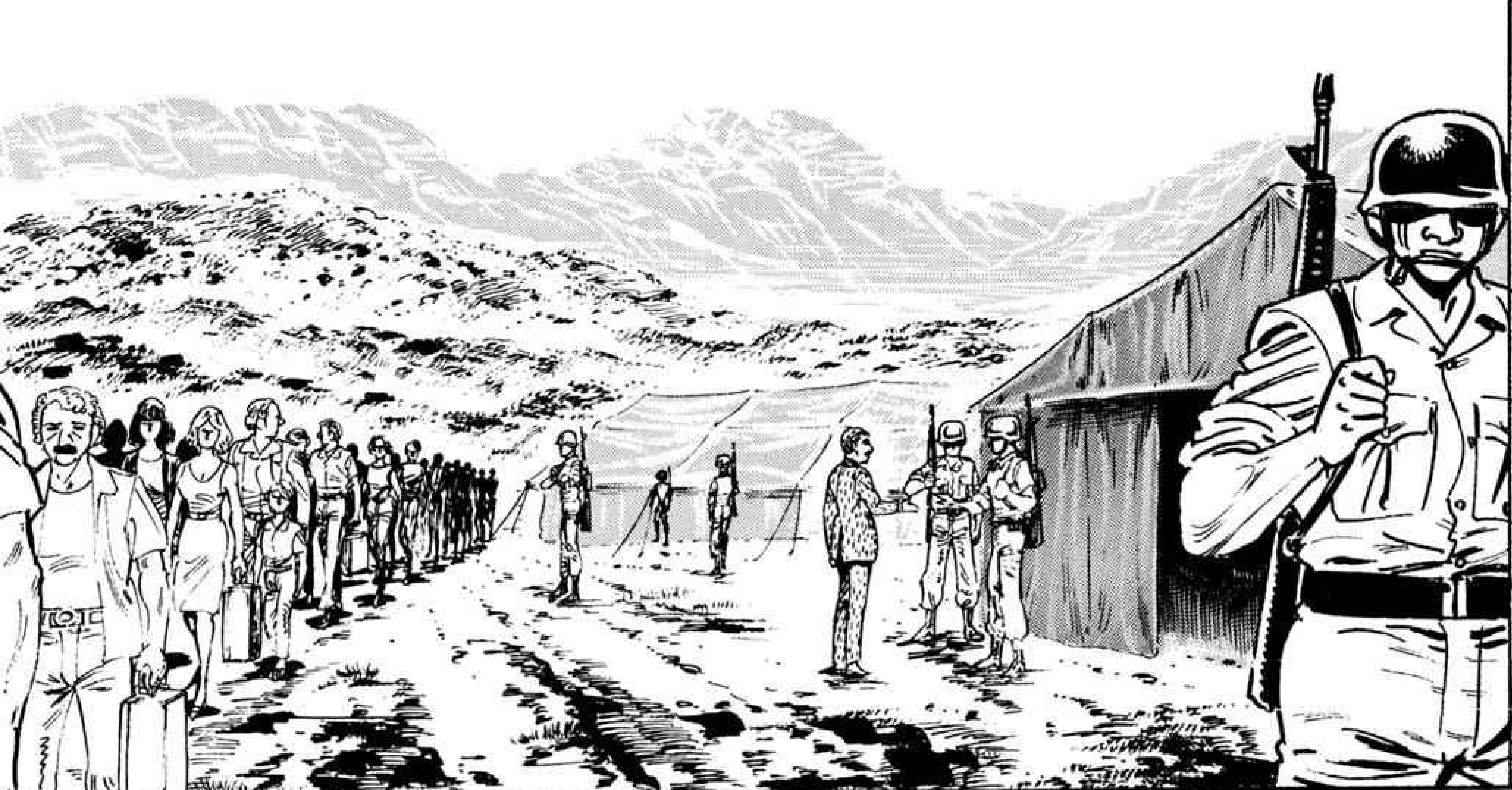
TMP

MIGUEL?!

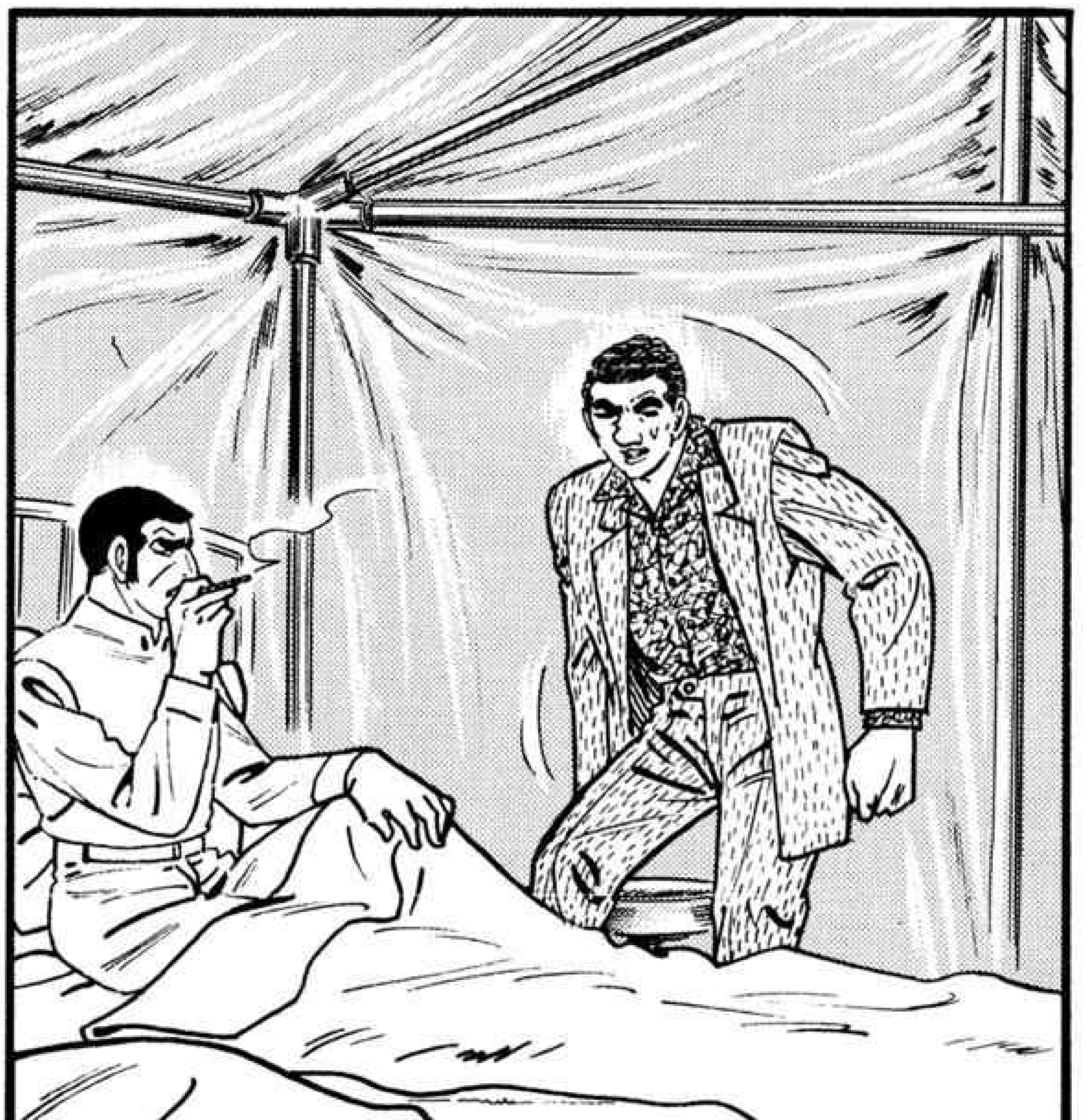
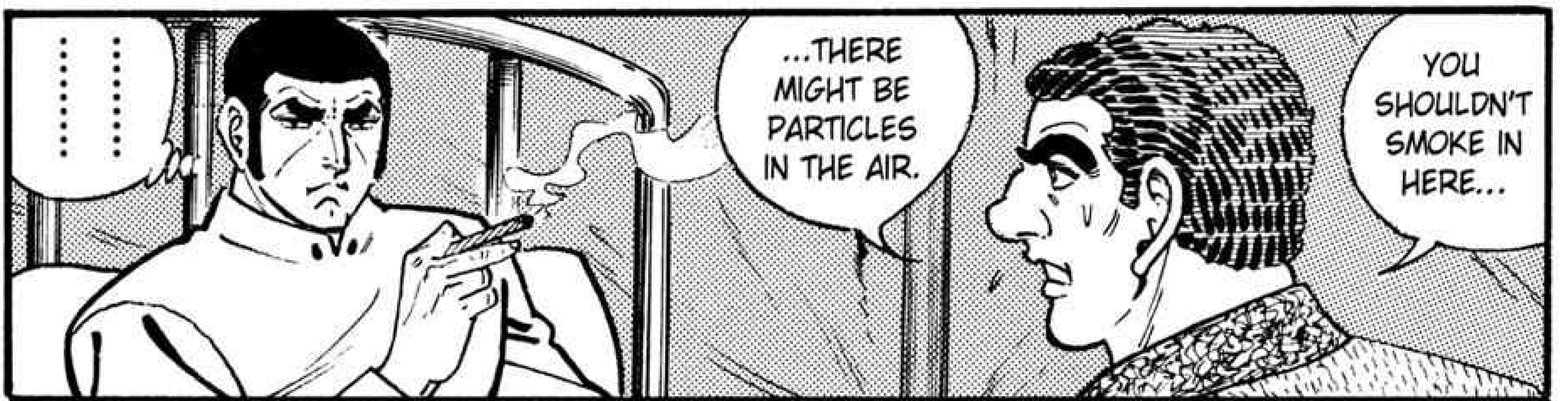
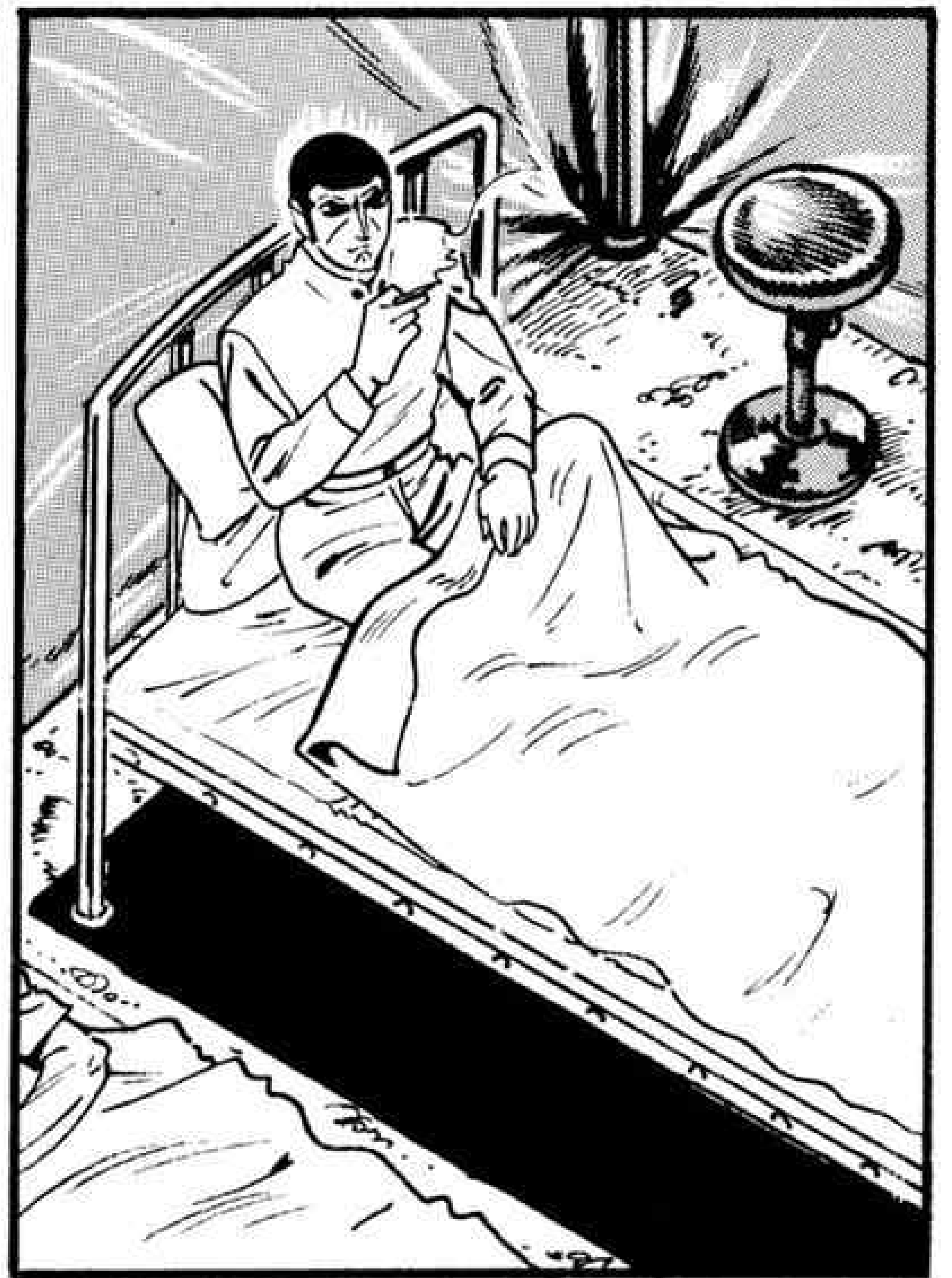


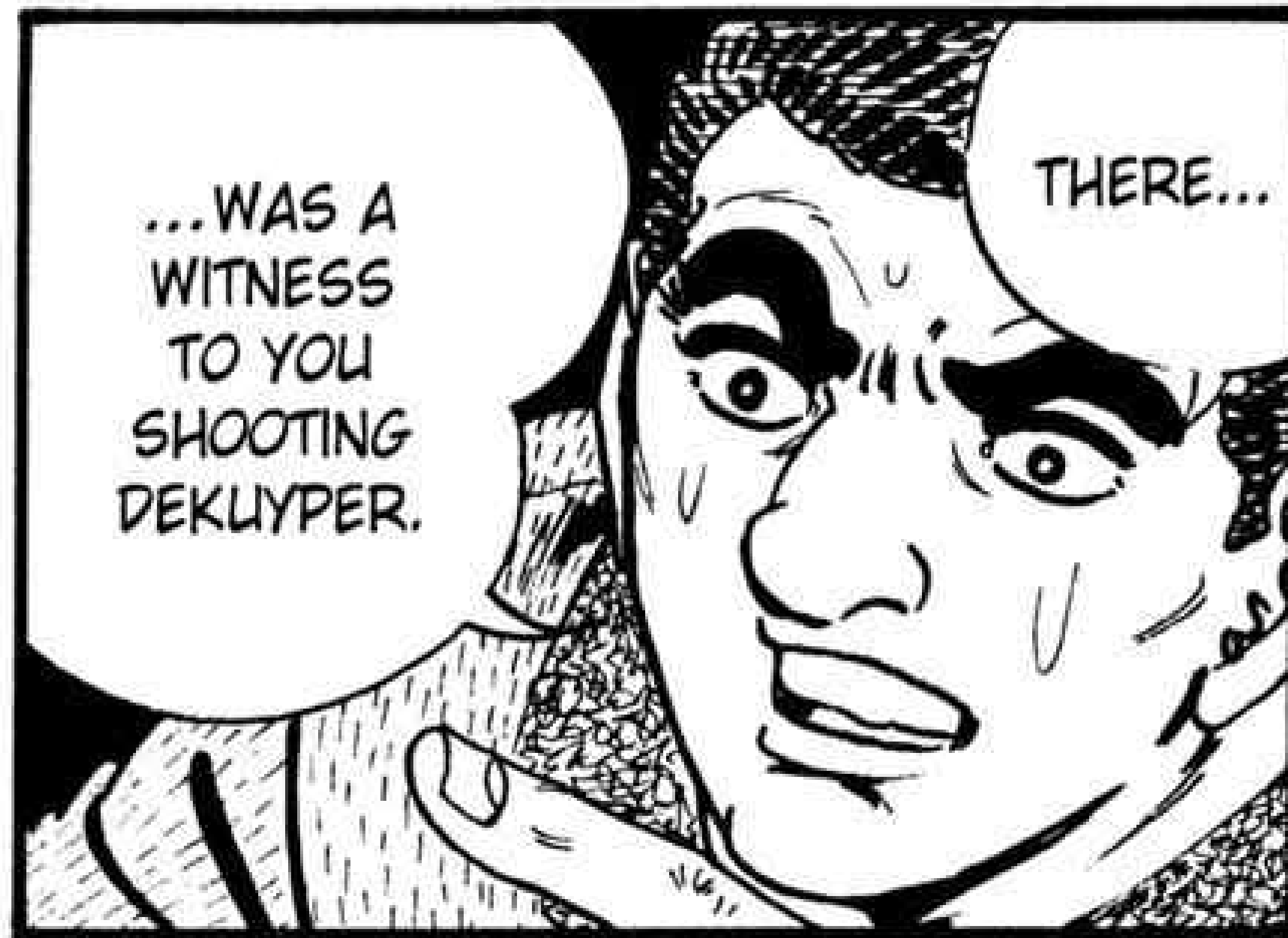
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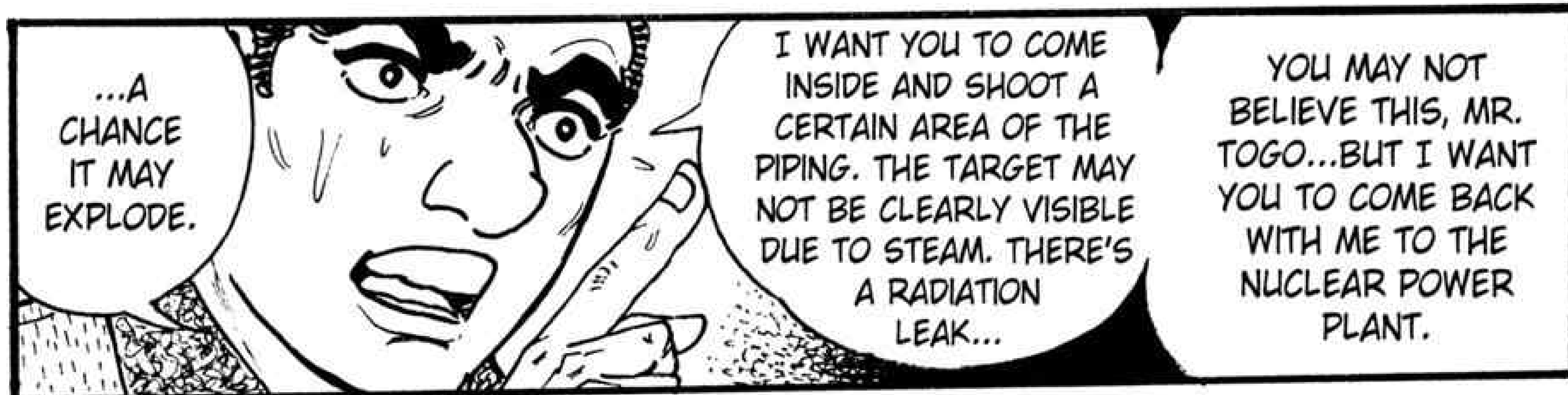














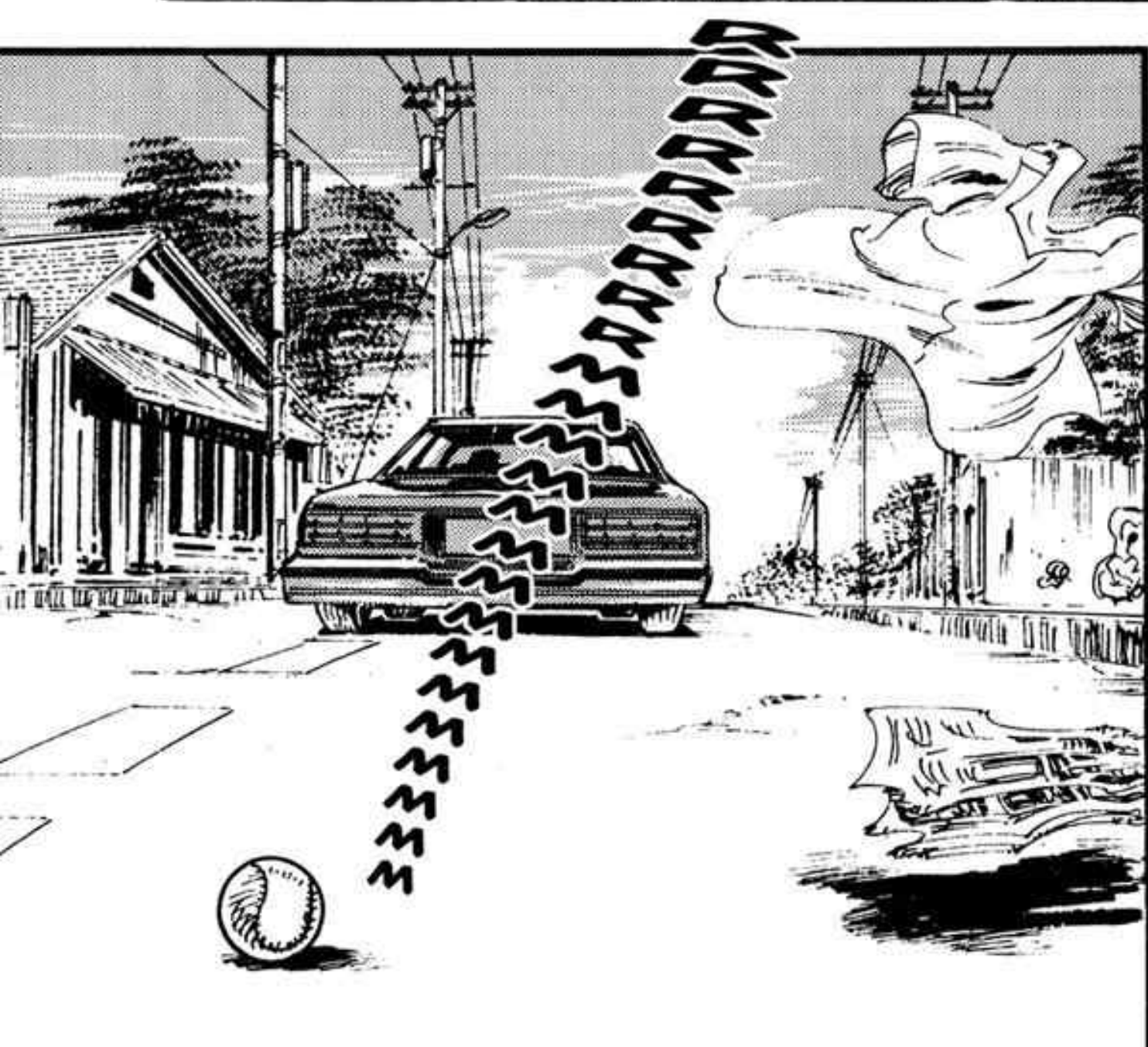
PART 12

GHOST TOWN

...DOESN'T SOUND TOO APPETIZING, RIGHT? WELL...WELL...WE'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE TIME. I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

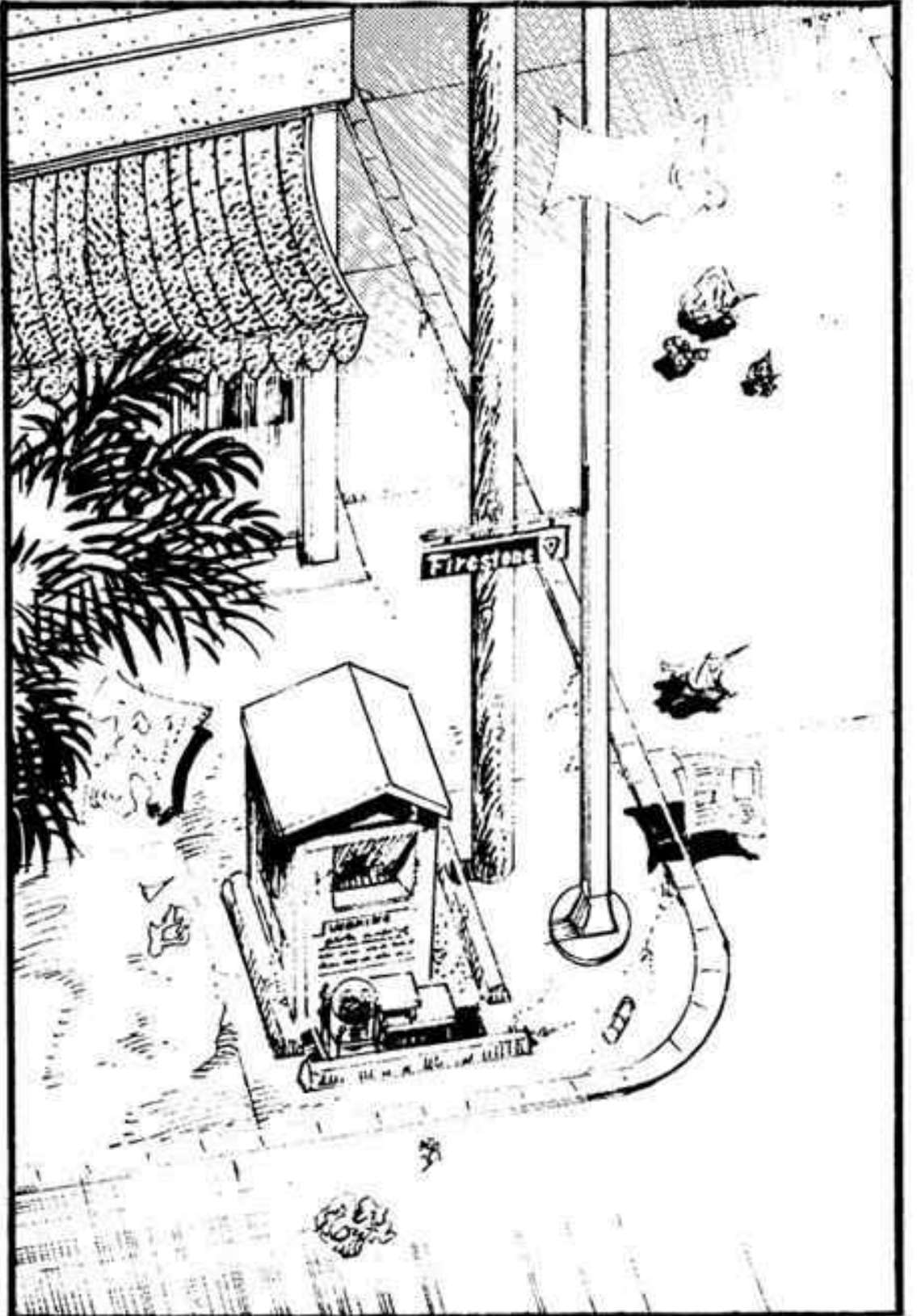
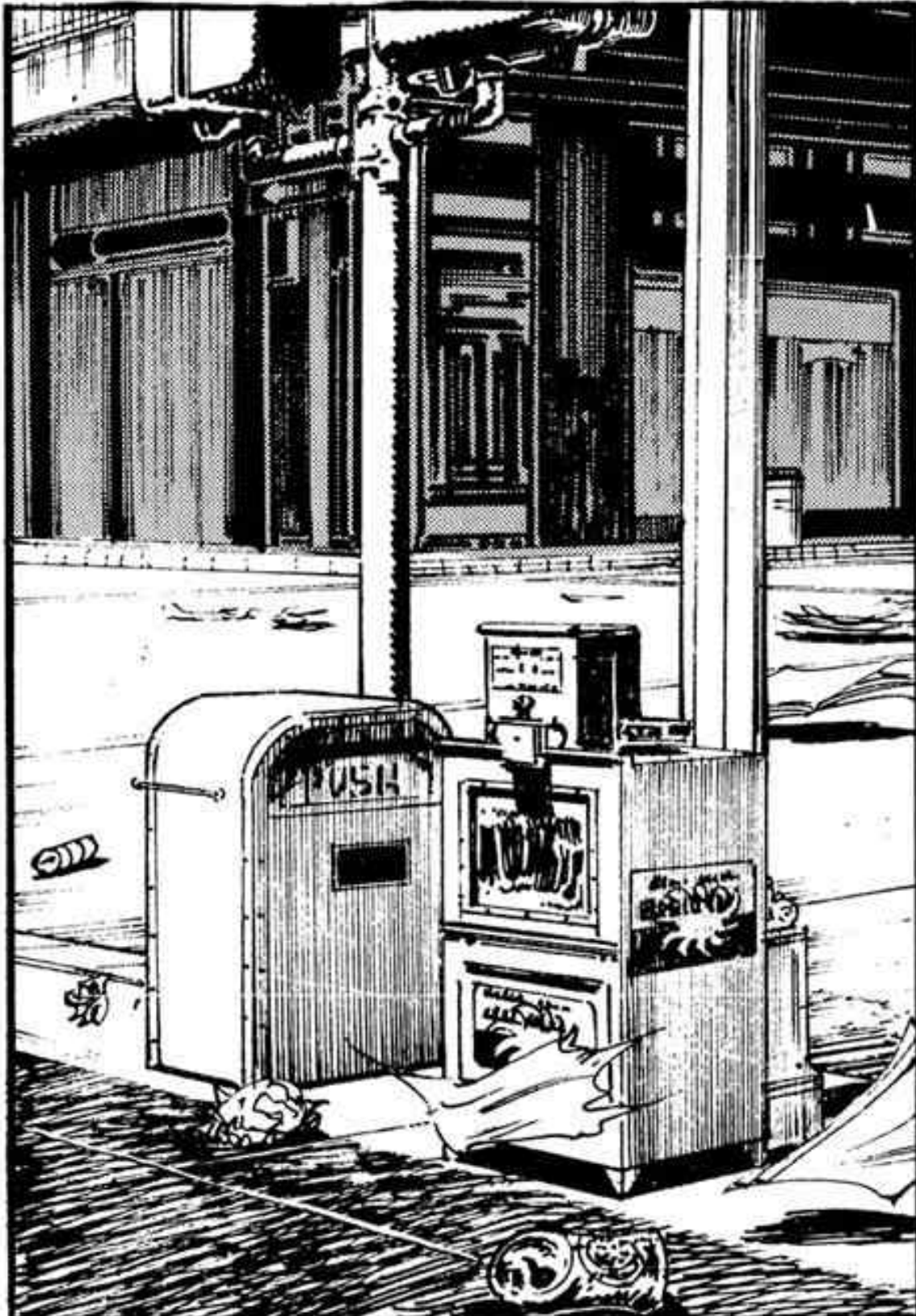
THAT'S WORST-CASE, MIND YOU. 50% CHANCE OF DEATH WITHIN FOUR WEEKS.

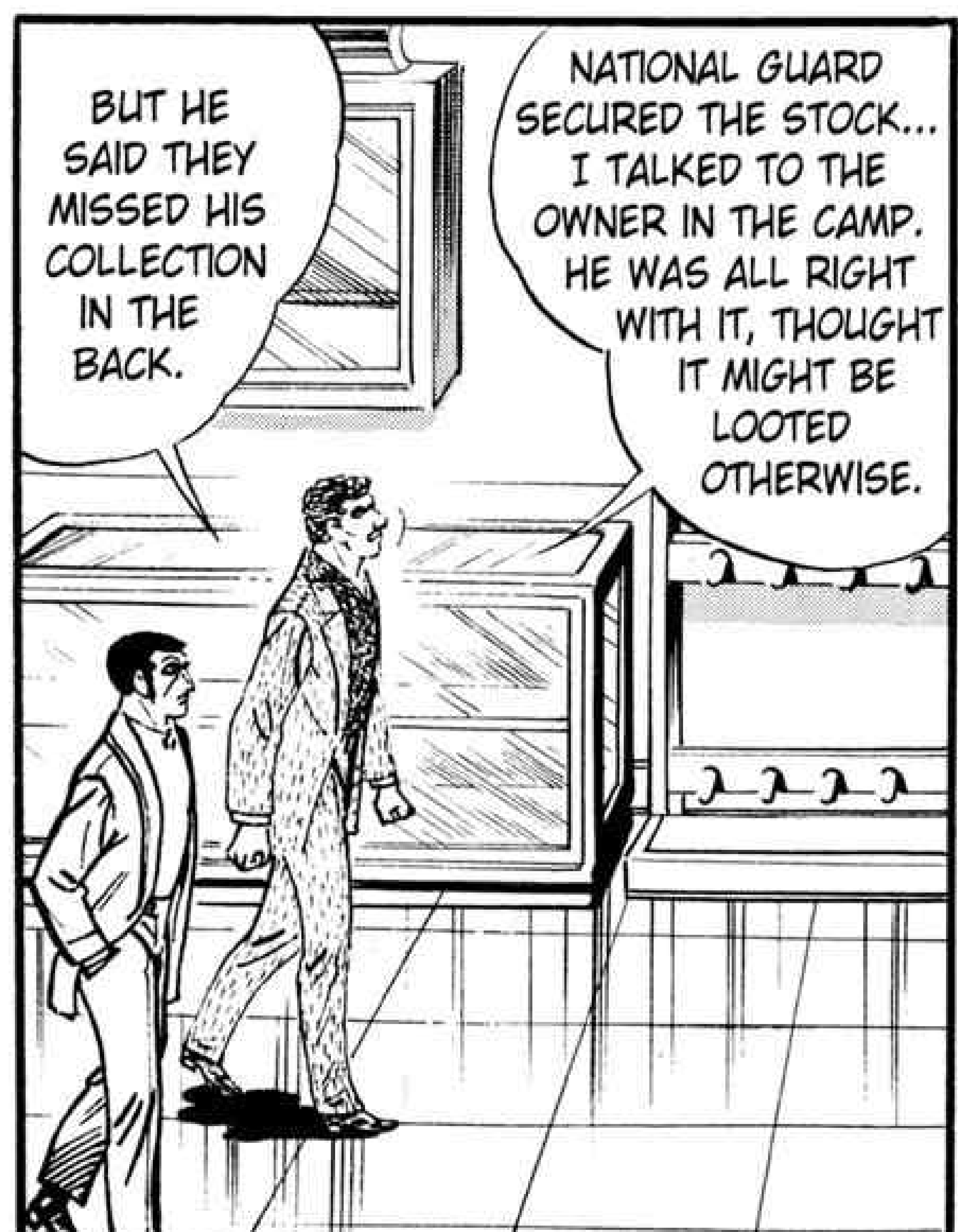
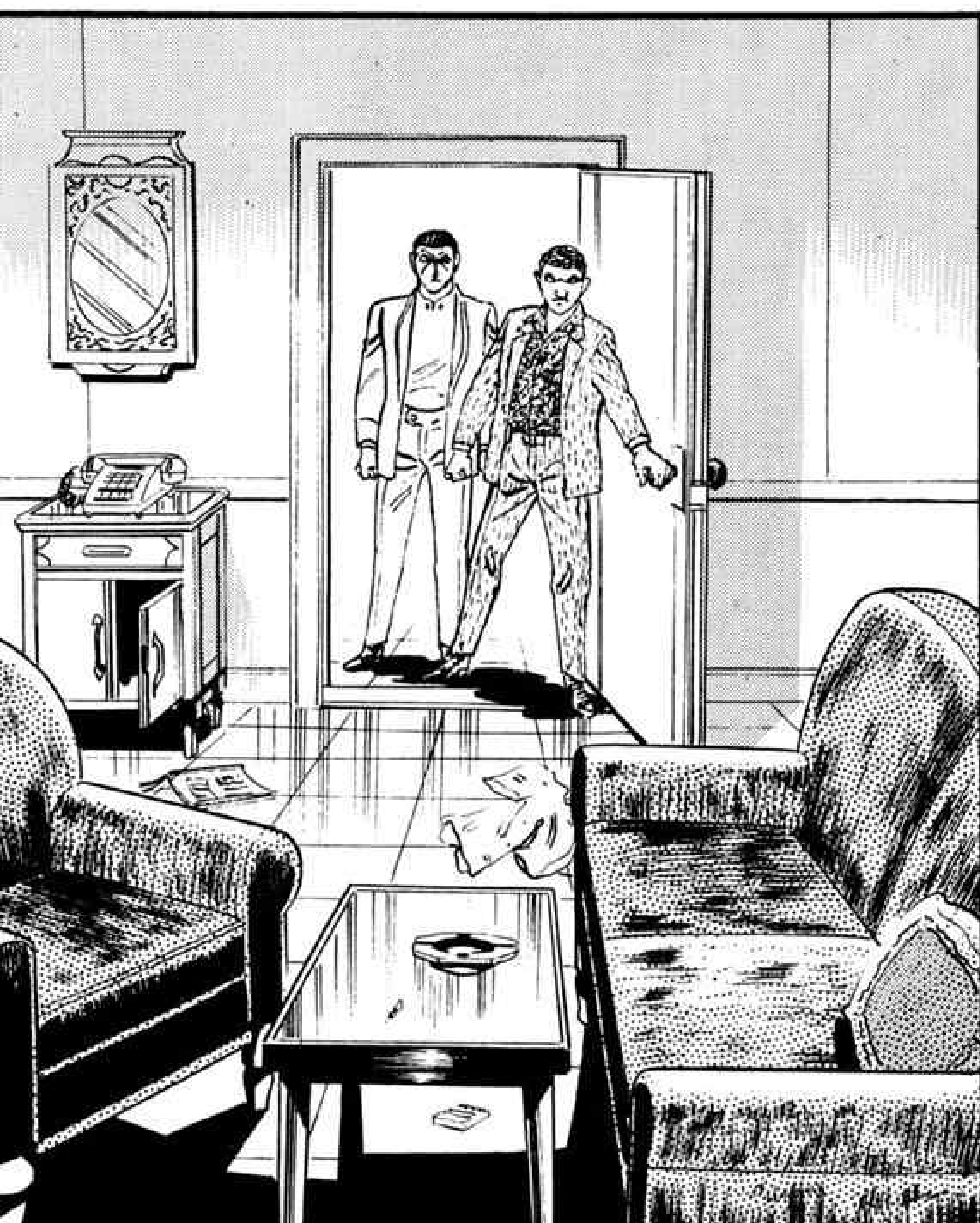
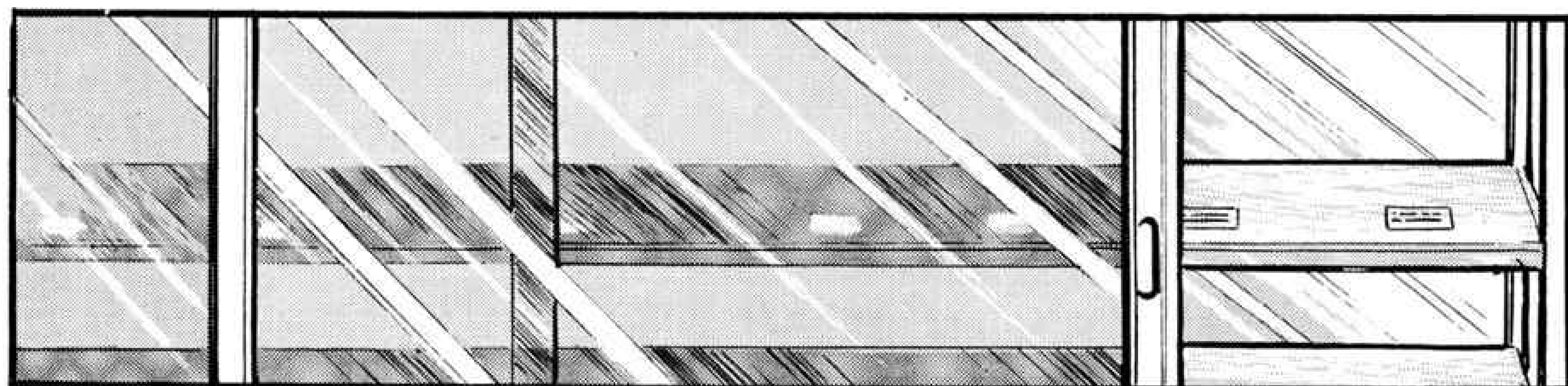
I DON'T KNOW... THESE AREN'T ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES... I MEAN, THE LAW SAYS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET NO MORE THAN 5 REMS A YEAR...BUT IT COULD BE UP TO 350 REMS.

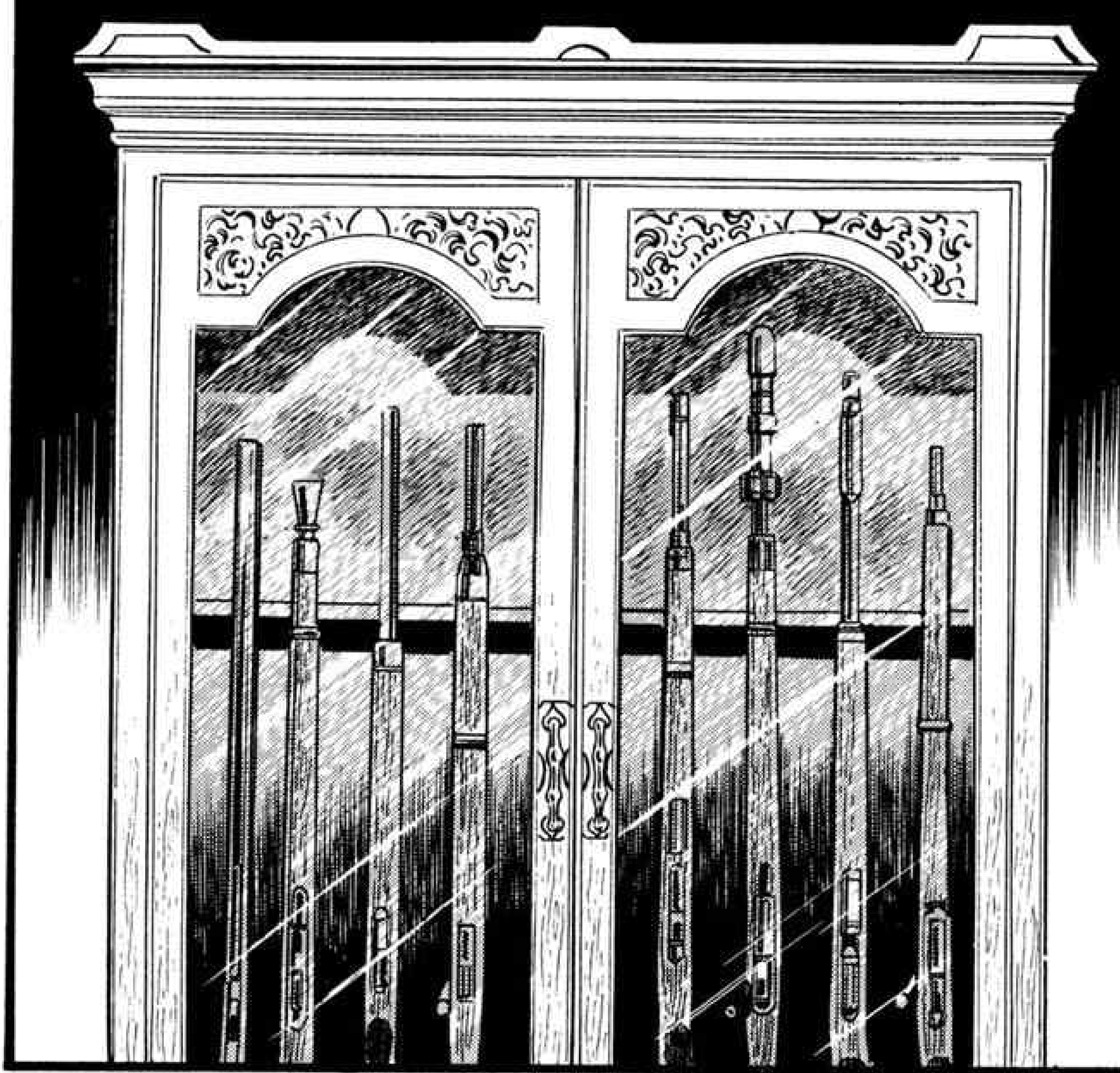


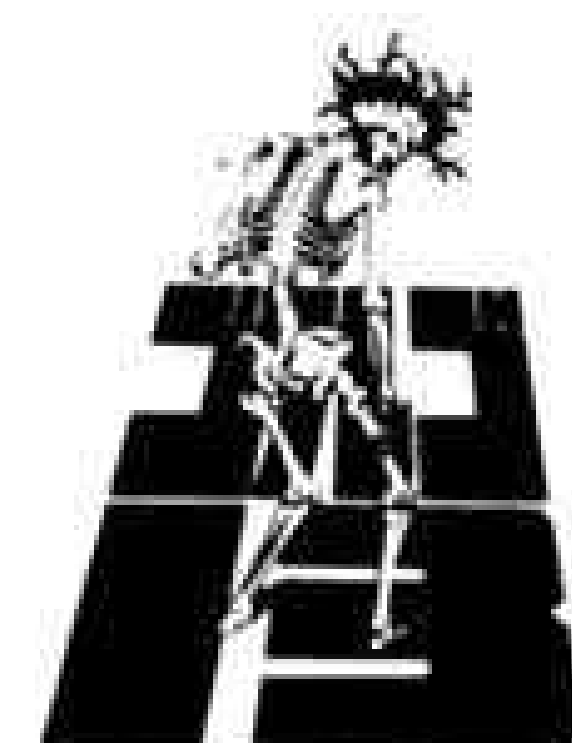
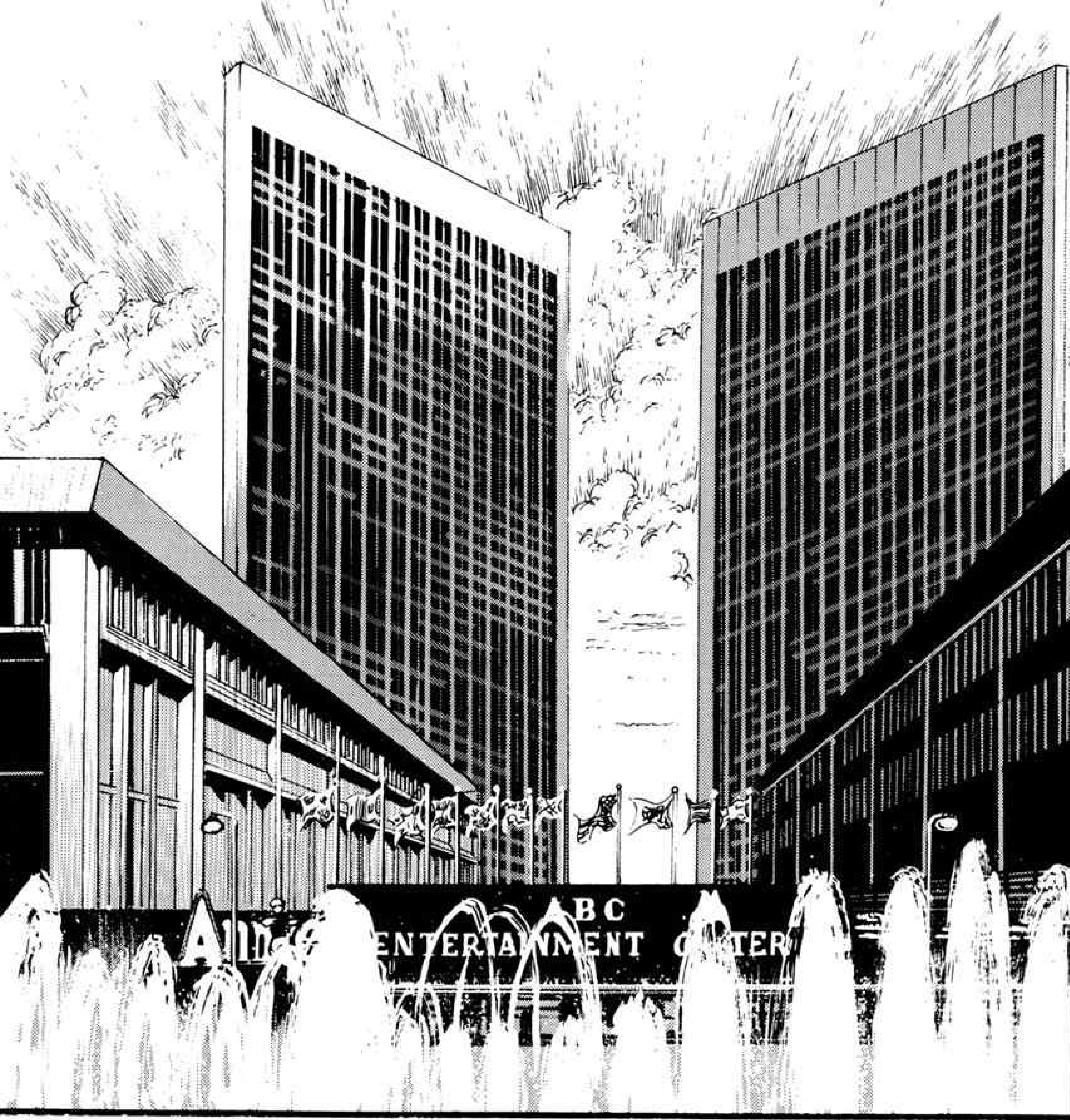
...AH, THERE'S THE BANK. HOLD ON, THIS MAY TAKE A FEW MINUTES.

JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE FULL DISCLOSURE. ALSO, THERE'S... ARE YOU PLANNING ON HAVING ANY KIDS?



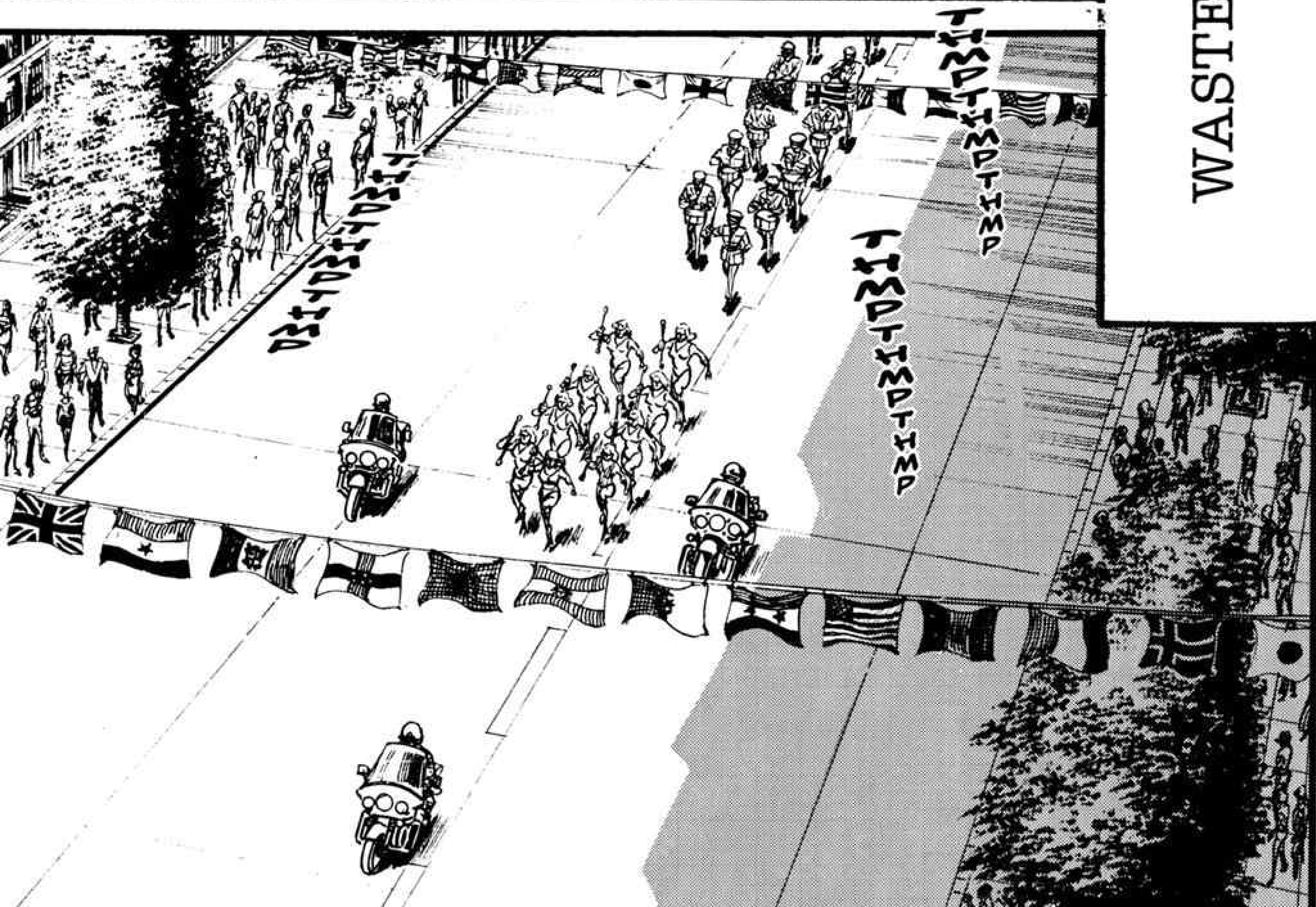


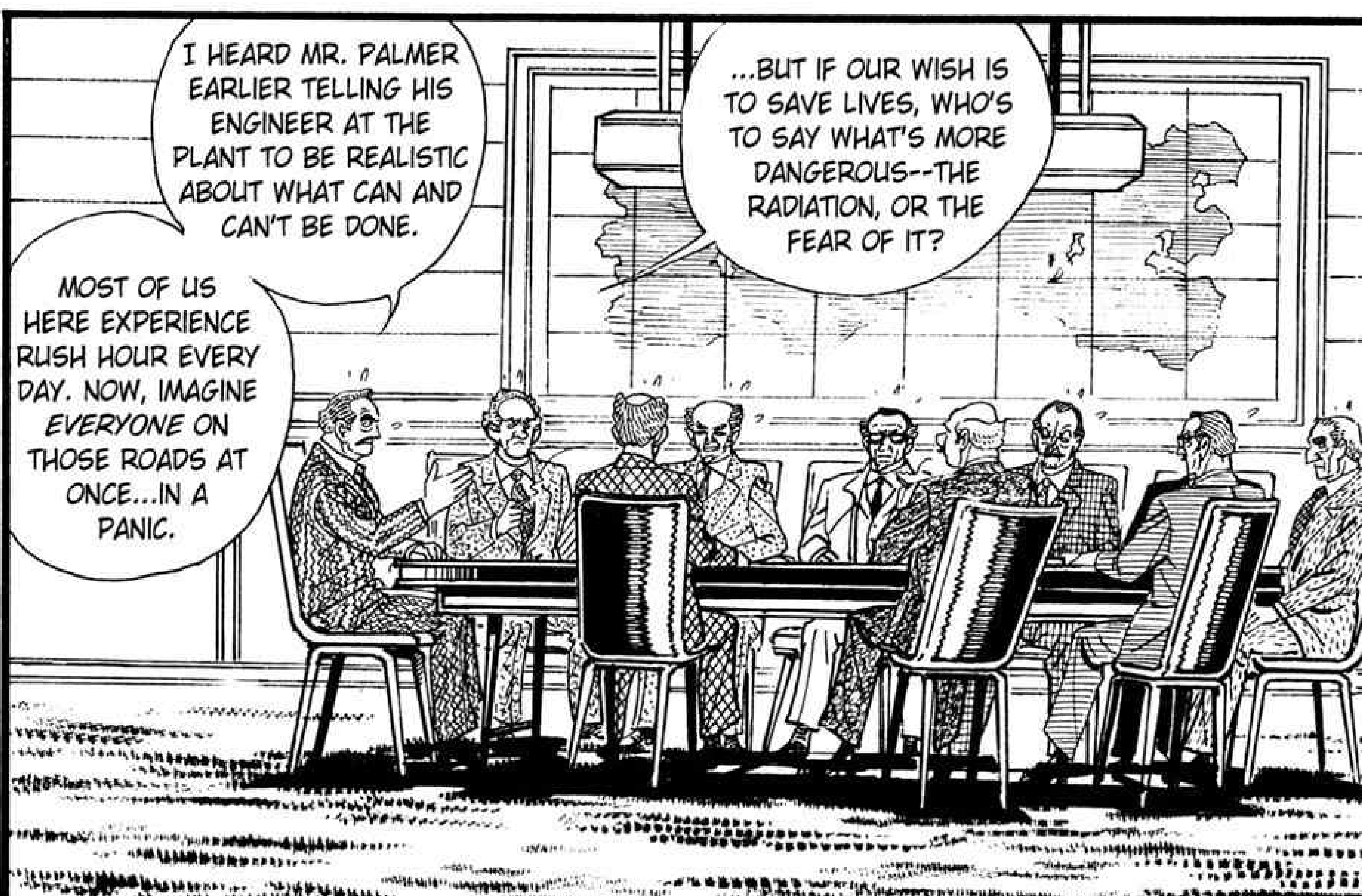
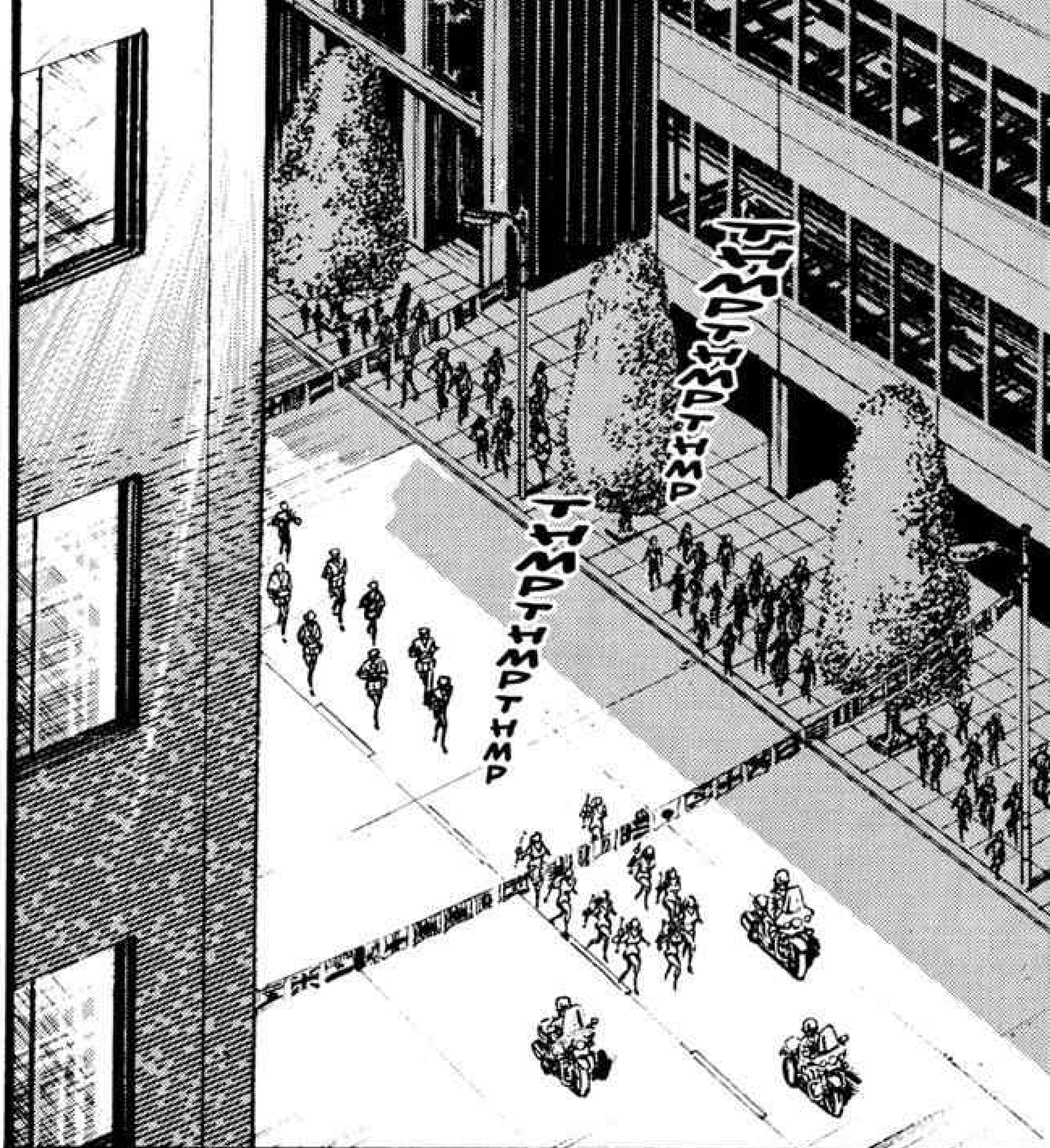
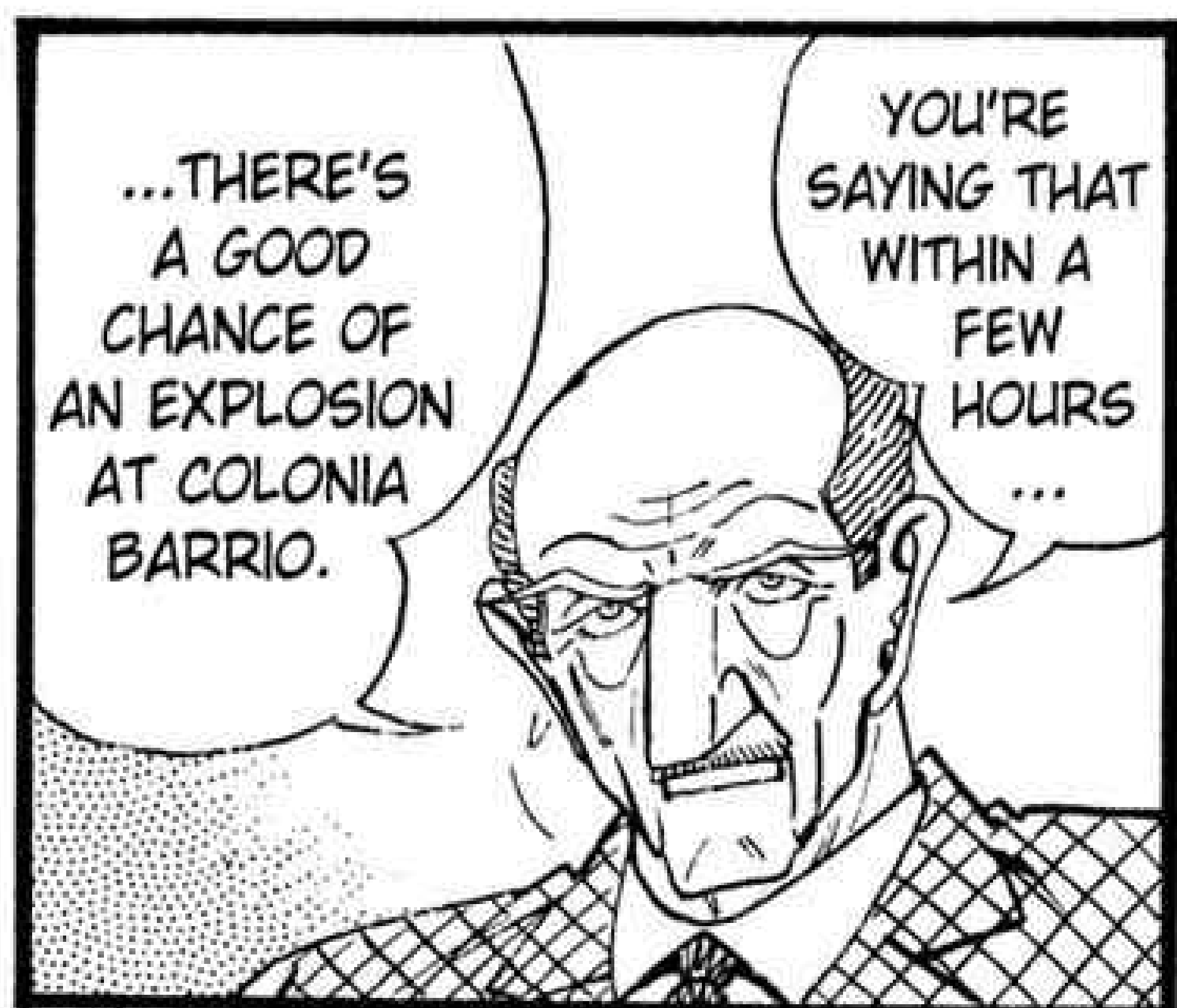


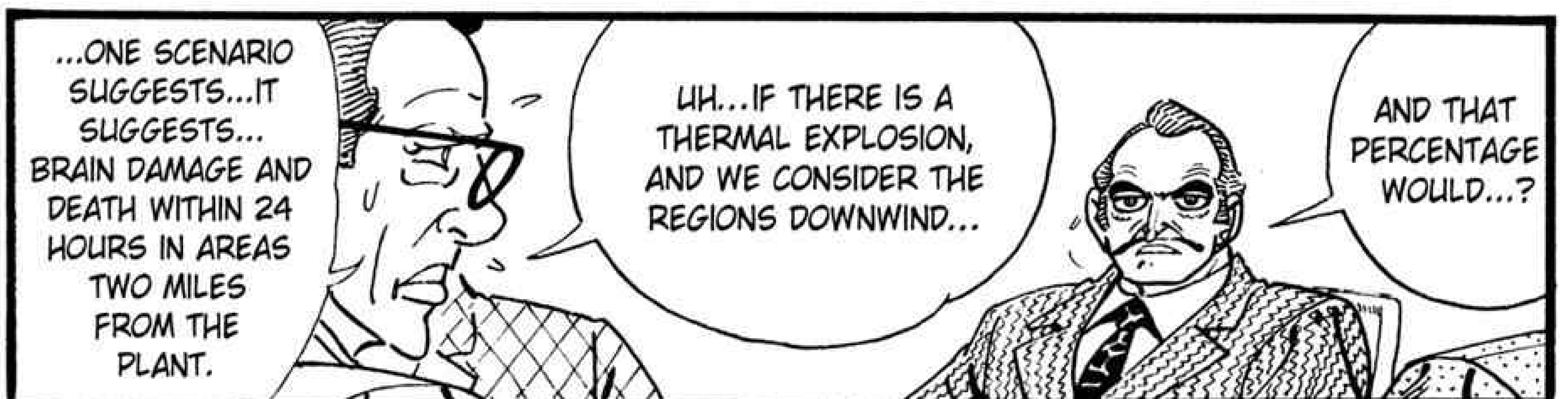
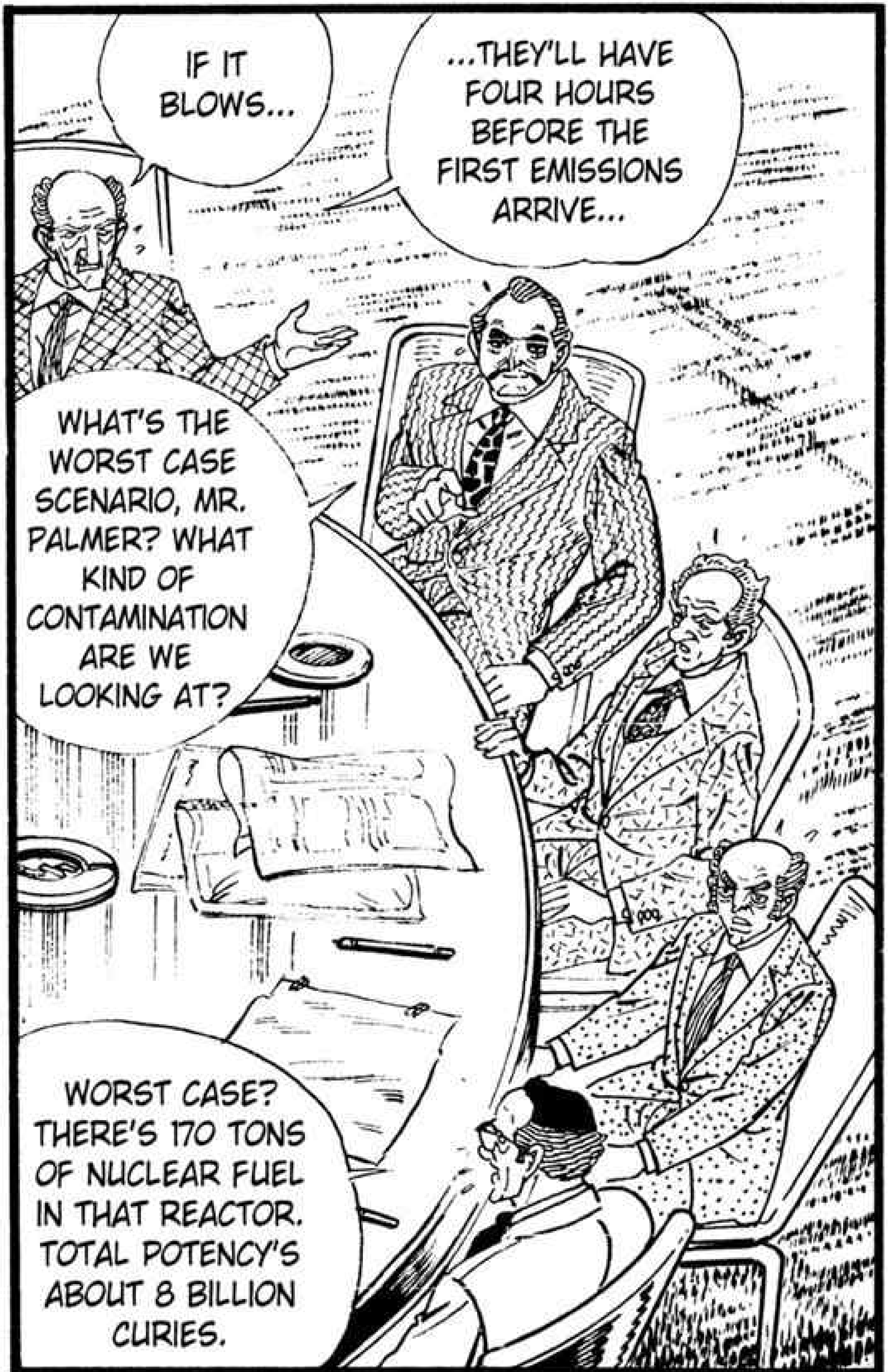
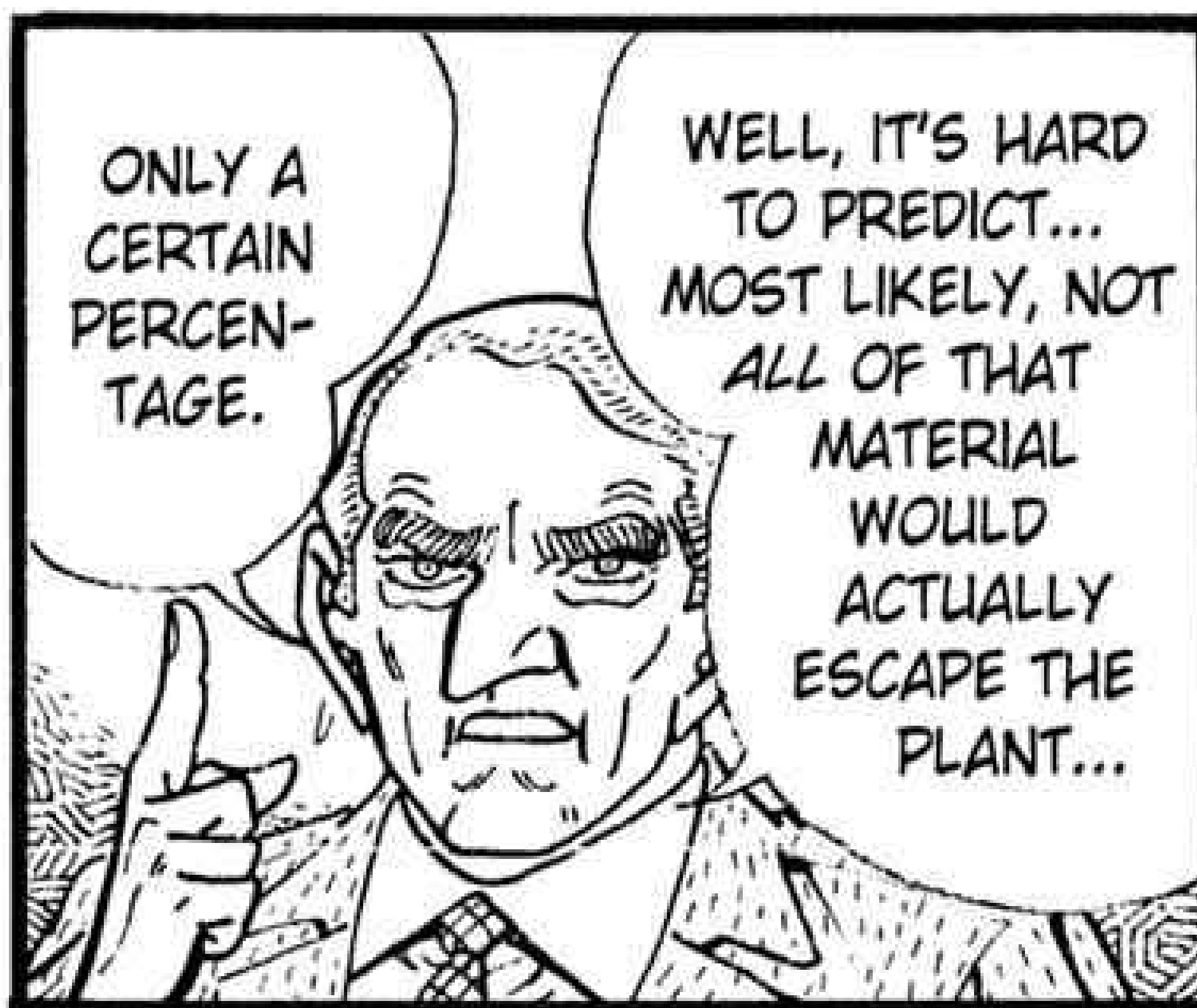


PART
13

WASTELAND







A WEEK OR TWO AFTER, THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA WILL FIND THEIR WHITE BLOOD CELL COUNT HAS DROPPED TO NEAR ZERO. THEY'LL BLEED INTERNALLY; THEY'LL HAVE MASSIVE INFECTIONS.



THE TWENTY MILE POINT WILL COVER THOUSAND OAKS AND AGOURA HILLS. IN THIS ZONE, WE'LL SEE SHORT-TERM NAUSEA, LASTING PERHAPS A DAY OR SO.

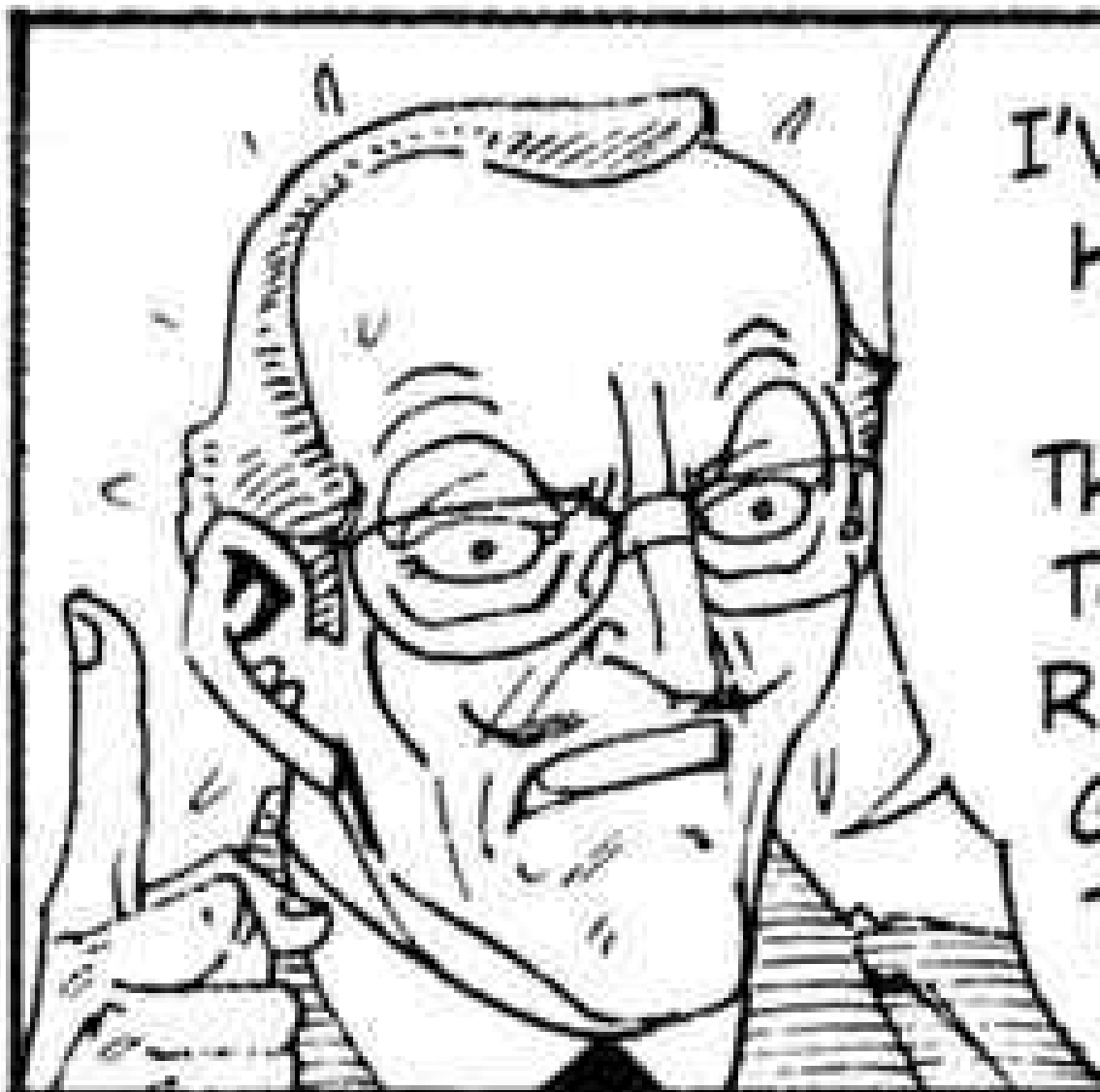
THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF PORT HUENEME. ASSUMING THE WINDS HOLD, THE CLOUD, GRADUALLY LOSING INTENSITY, WILL CONTINUE SOUTHEAST, ALMOST DIRECTLY DOWN THE COAST.

...IT'S A PERMANENT ONE.

WHAT YOU'RE DESCRIBING ISN'T A TEMPORARY EVACUATION...



OH, THIS IS ABSURD. WHEN AN ATOMIC BOMB WAS DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA, THEY SAID NOTHING THERE WOULD GROW FOR 100 YEARS!

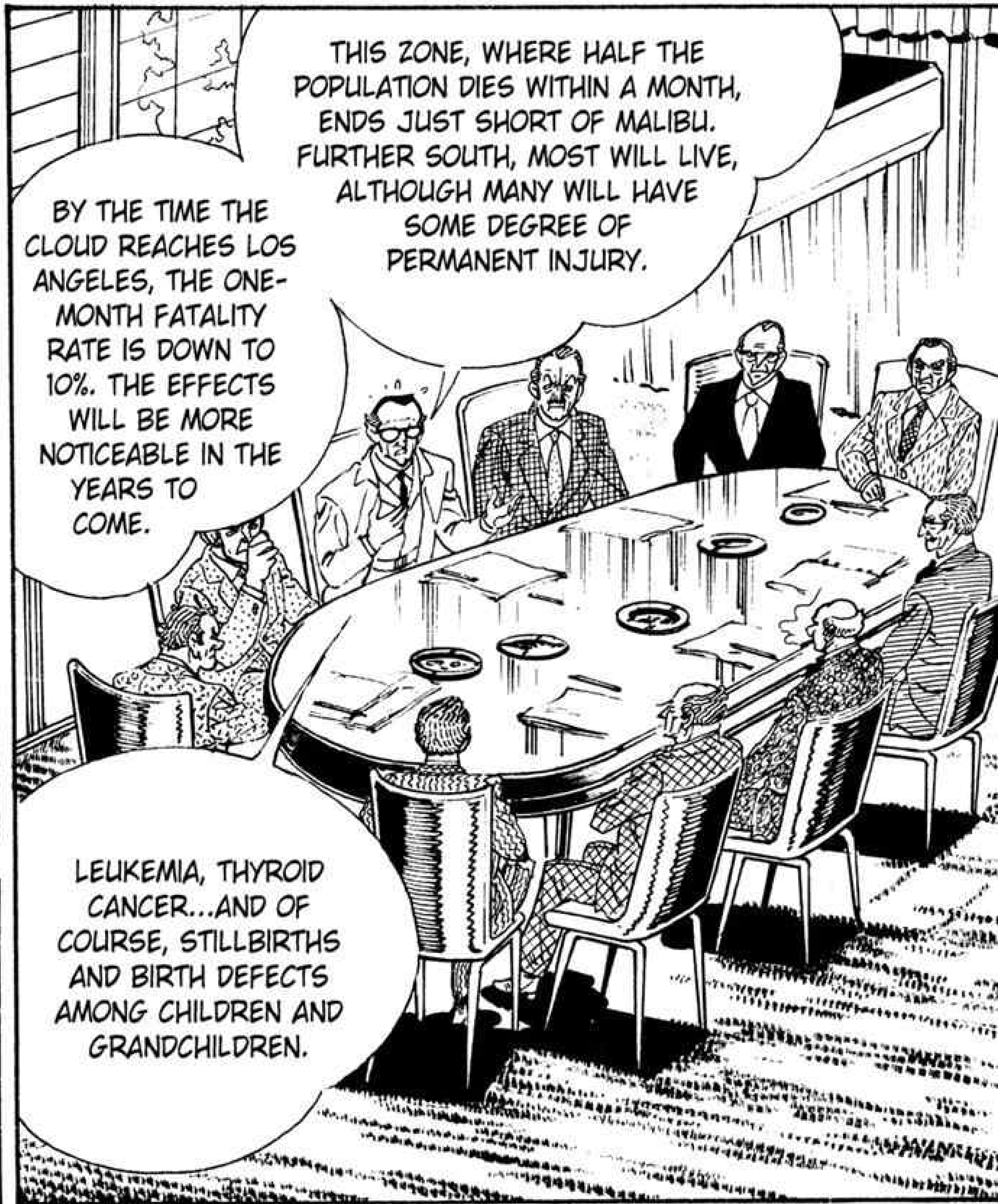


I'VE BEEN TO HIROSHIMA, IT'S A THRIVING CITY TODAY...THEY REBUILT, THEY GOT ON WITH THEIR LIVES!

BY THE TIME THE CLOUD REACHES LOS ANGELES, THE ONE-MONTH FATALITY RATE IS DOWN TO 10%. THE EFFECTS WILL BE MORE NOTICEABLE IN THE YEARS TO COME.

THIS ZONE, WHERE HALF THE POPULATION DIES WITHIN A MONTH, ENDS JUST SHORT OF MALIBU. FURTHER SOUTH, MOST WILL LIVE, ALTHOUGH MANY WILL HAVE SOME DEGREE OF PERMANENT INJURY.

LEUKEMIA, THYROID CANCER...AND OF COURSE, STILLBIRTHS AND BIRTH DEFECTS AMONG CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.



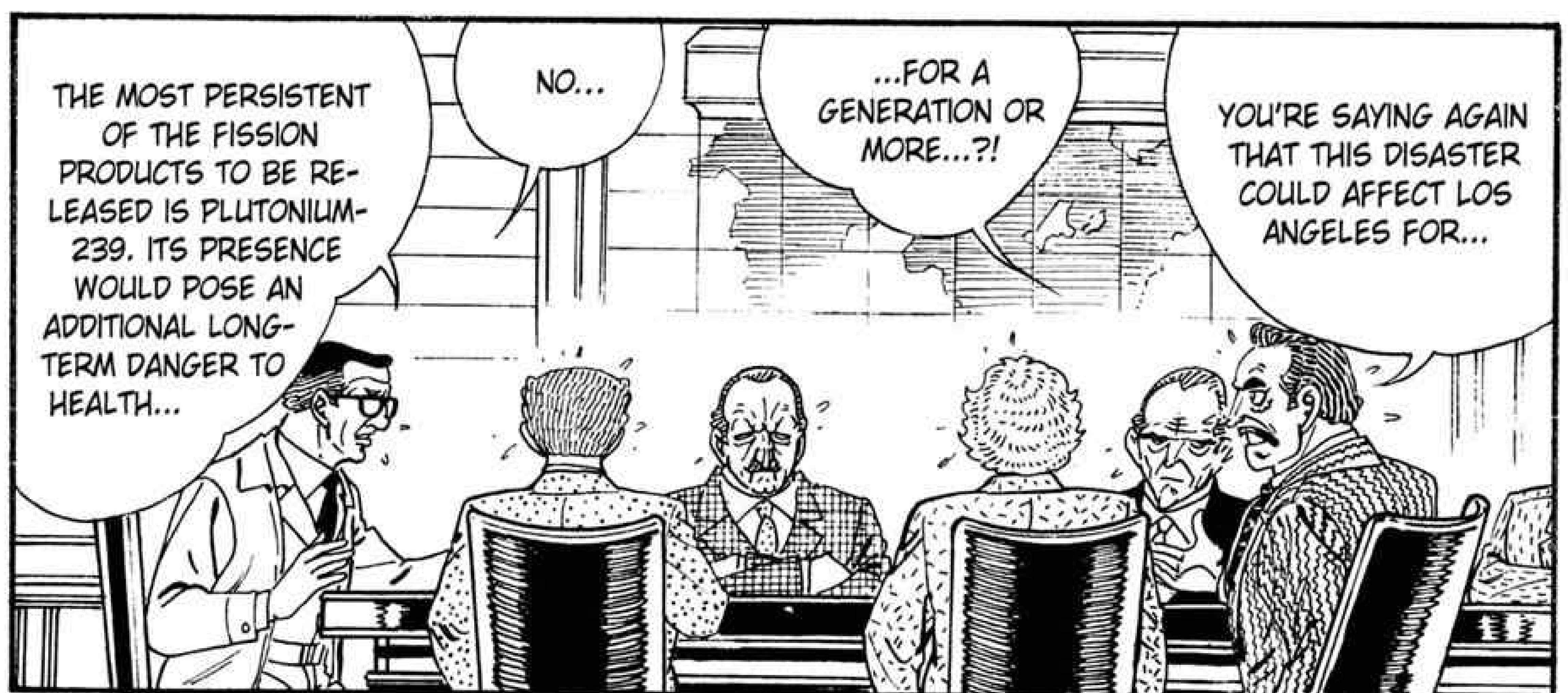
EVEN IF A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF IT ESCAPES, IT'LL BE A CLOUD OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION UNPRECEDENTED IN HUMAN HISTORY!



THE ATOMIC BOMB CONTAINED 64 KILOGRAMS OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL...COLONIA BARRIO CONTAINS **TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED TIMES** THAT, IN **EACH** REACTOR!



THE SOIL FOR
SEVERAL HUNDRED
SQUARE MILES MAY
BECOME POLLUTED
WITH CESIUM-137,
WHICH HAS A HALF-
LIFE OF THIRTY
YEARS...

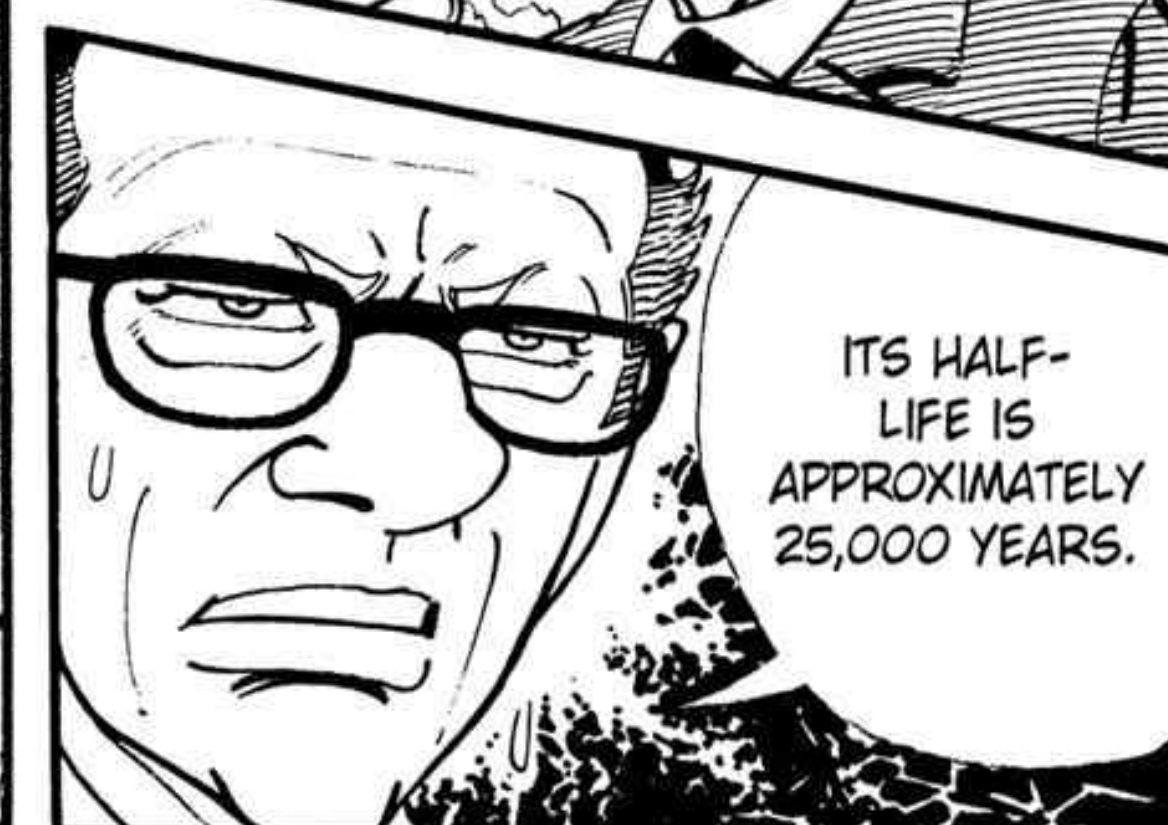


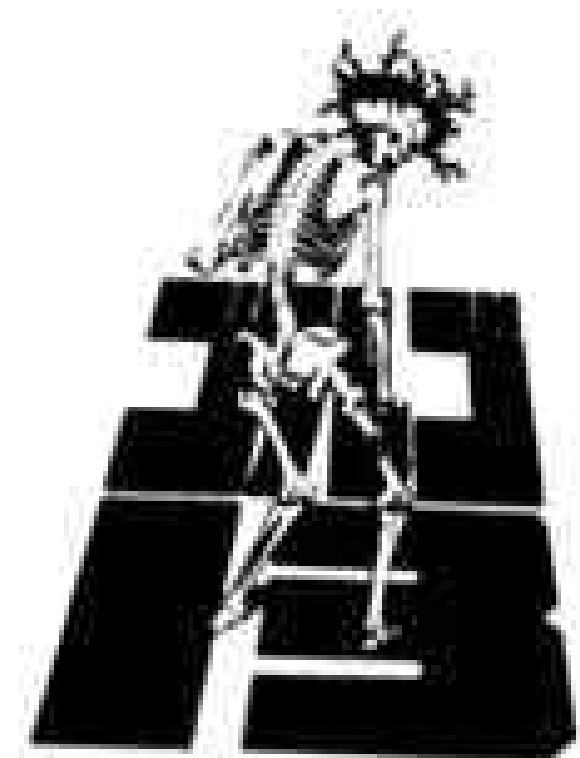
THE MOST PERSISTENT
OF THE FISSION
PRODUCTS TO BE RE-
LEASED IS PLUTONIUM-
239. ITS PRESENCE
WOULD POSE AN
ADDITIONAL LONG-
TERM DANGER TO
HEALTH...

NO...

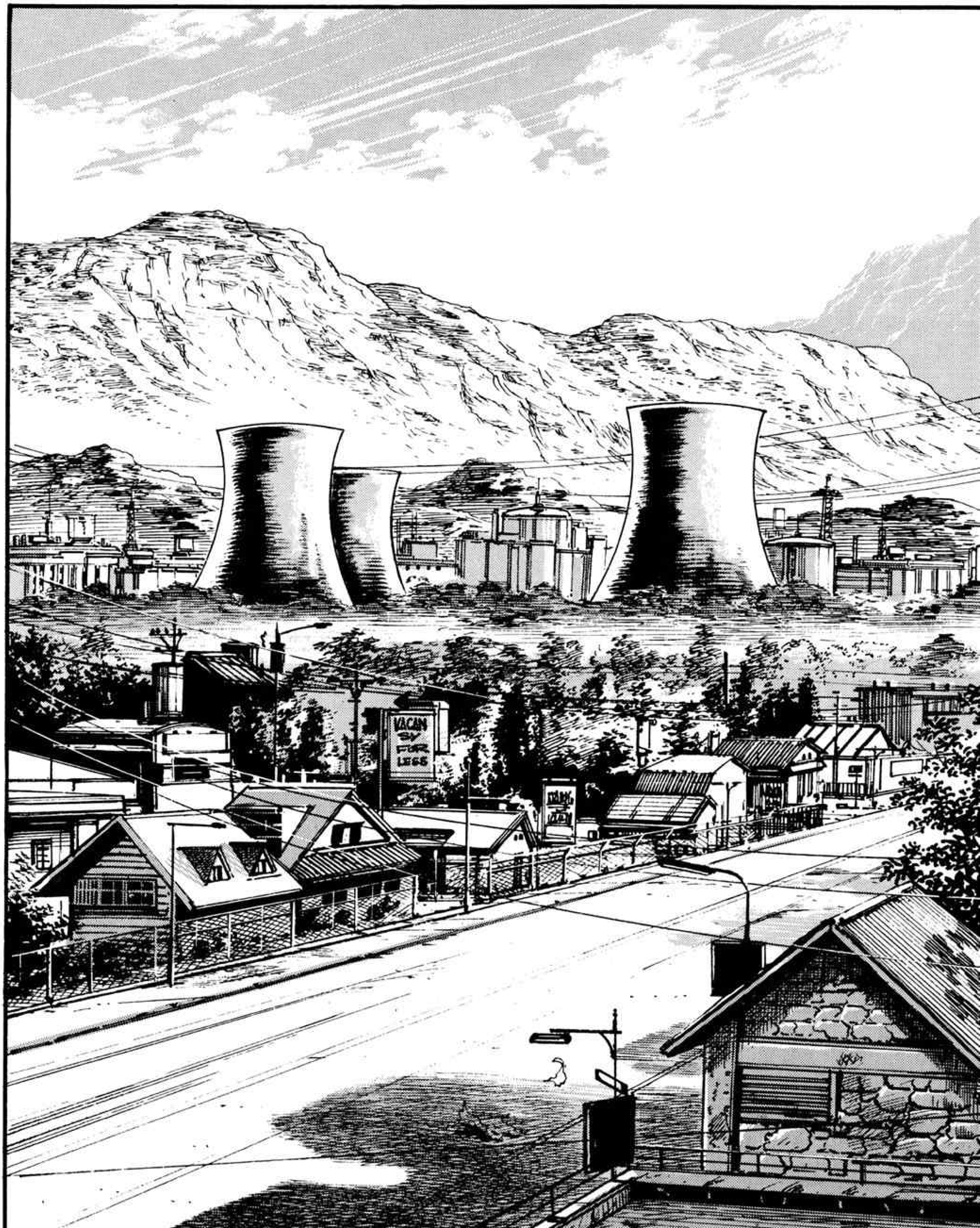
...FOR A
GENERATION OR
MORE...?!

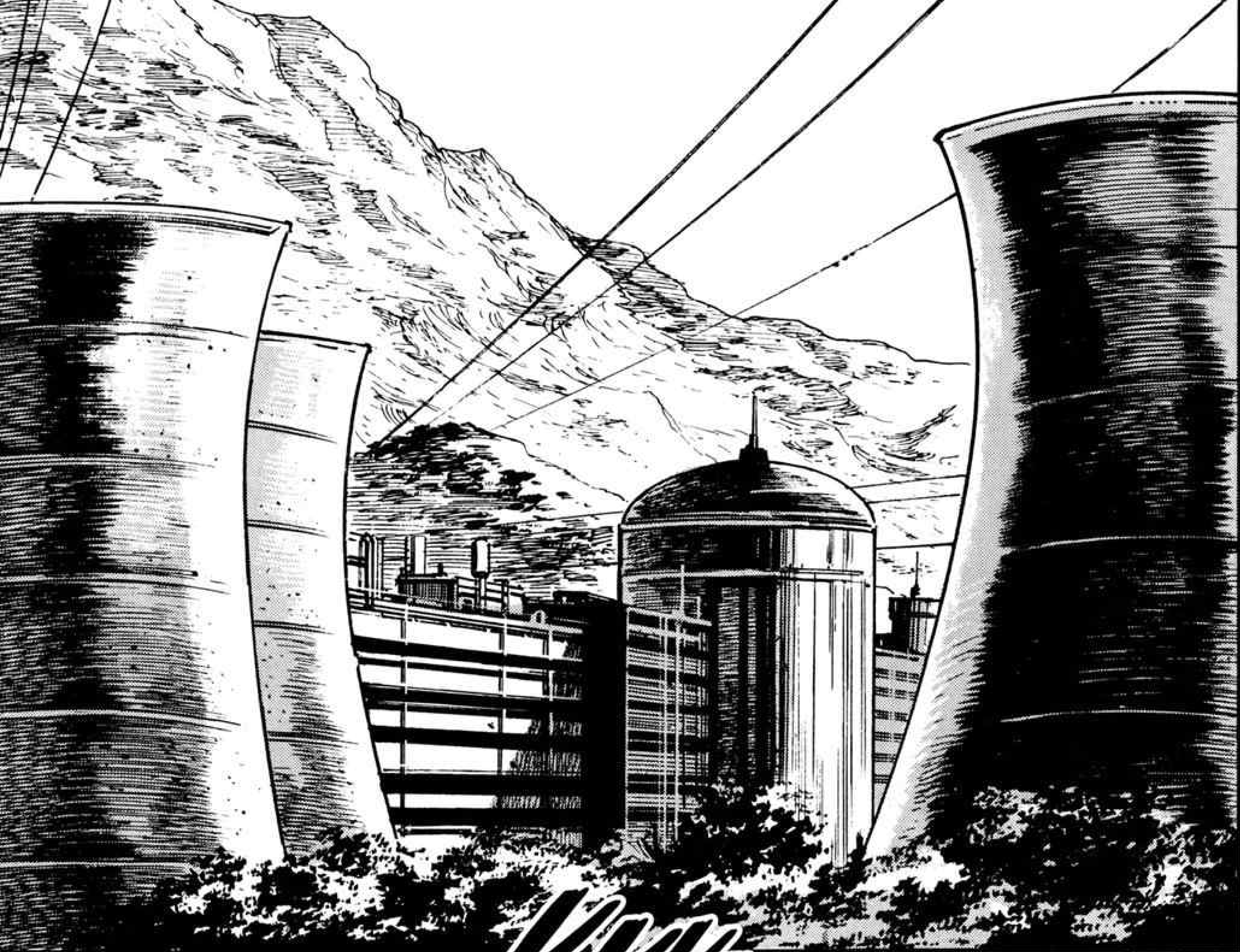
YOU'RE SAYING AGAIN
THAT THIS DISASTER
COULD AFFECT LOS
ANGELES FOR...



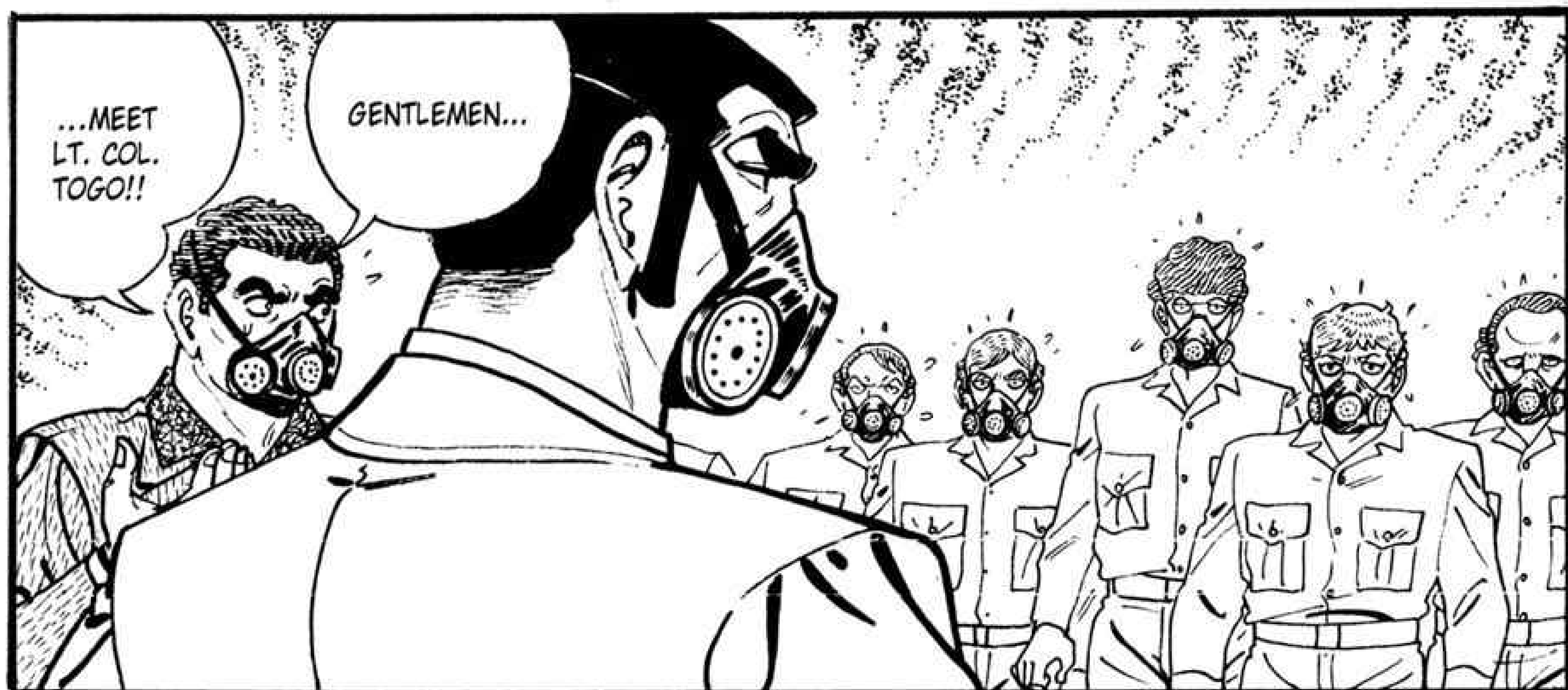


PART 14 THE SNIPER ARRIVES



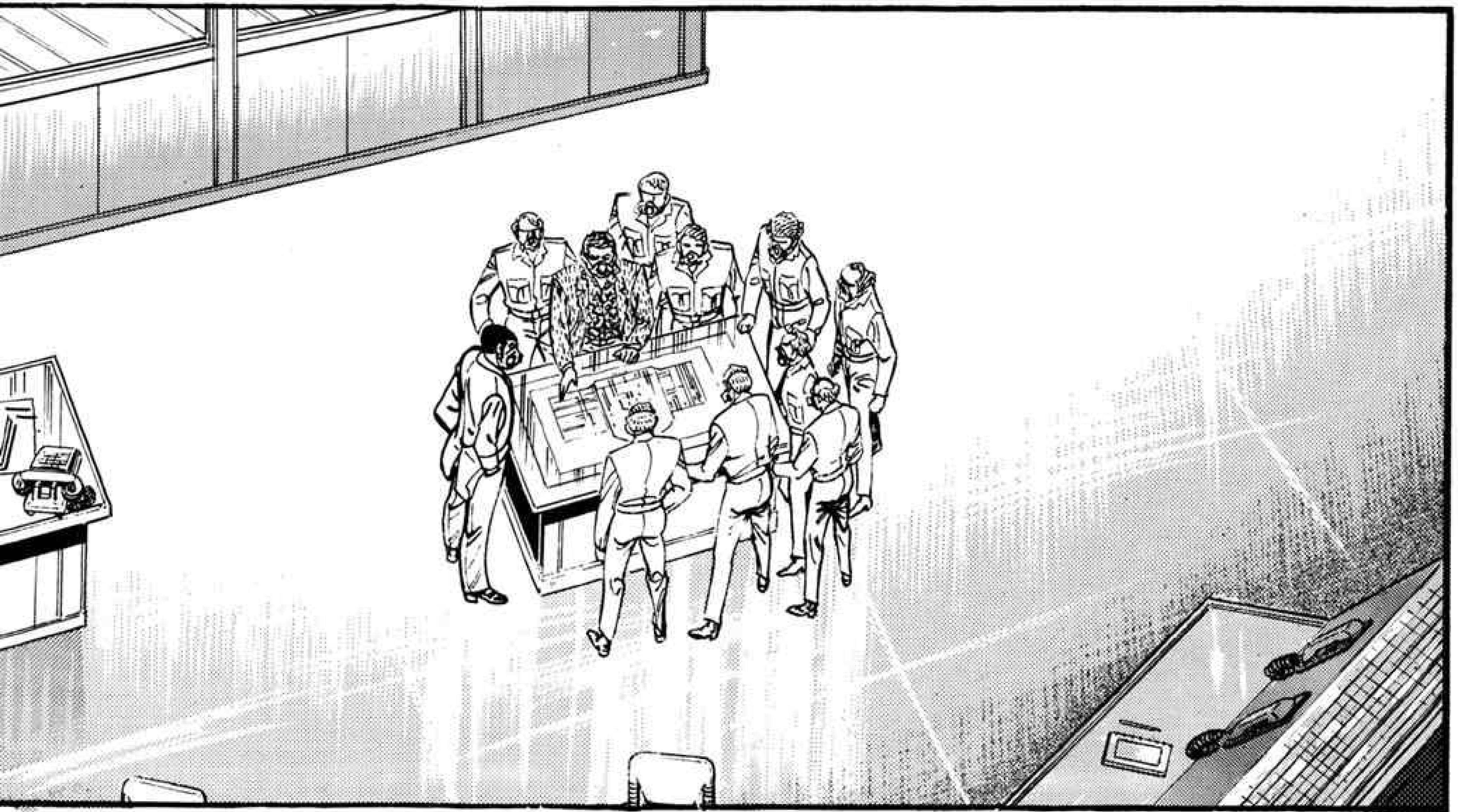


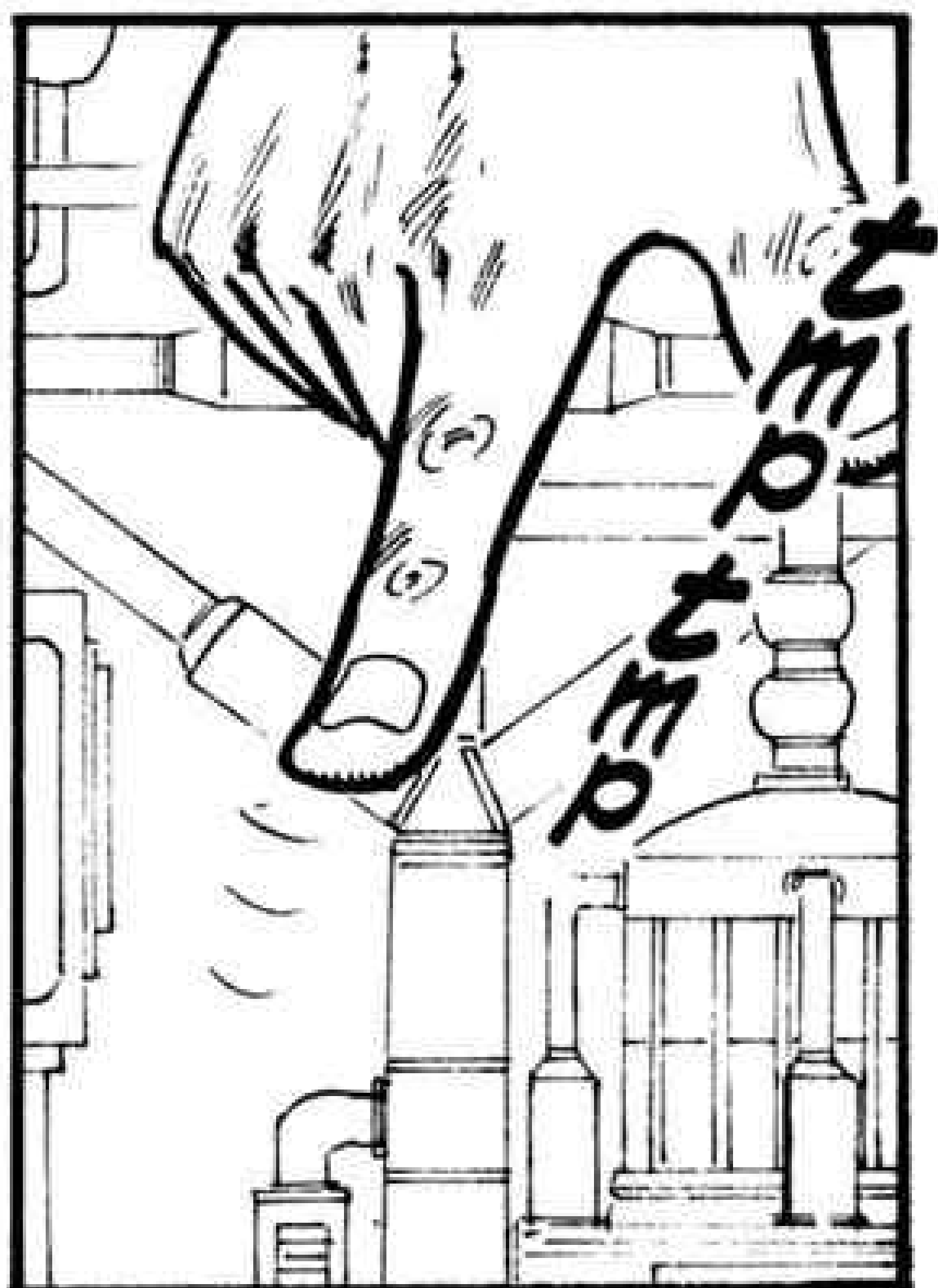
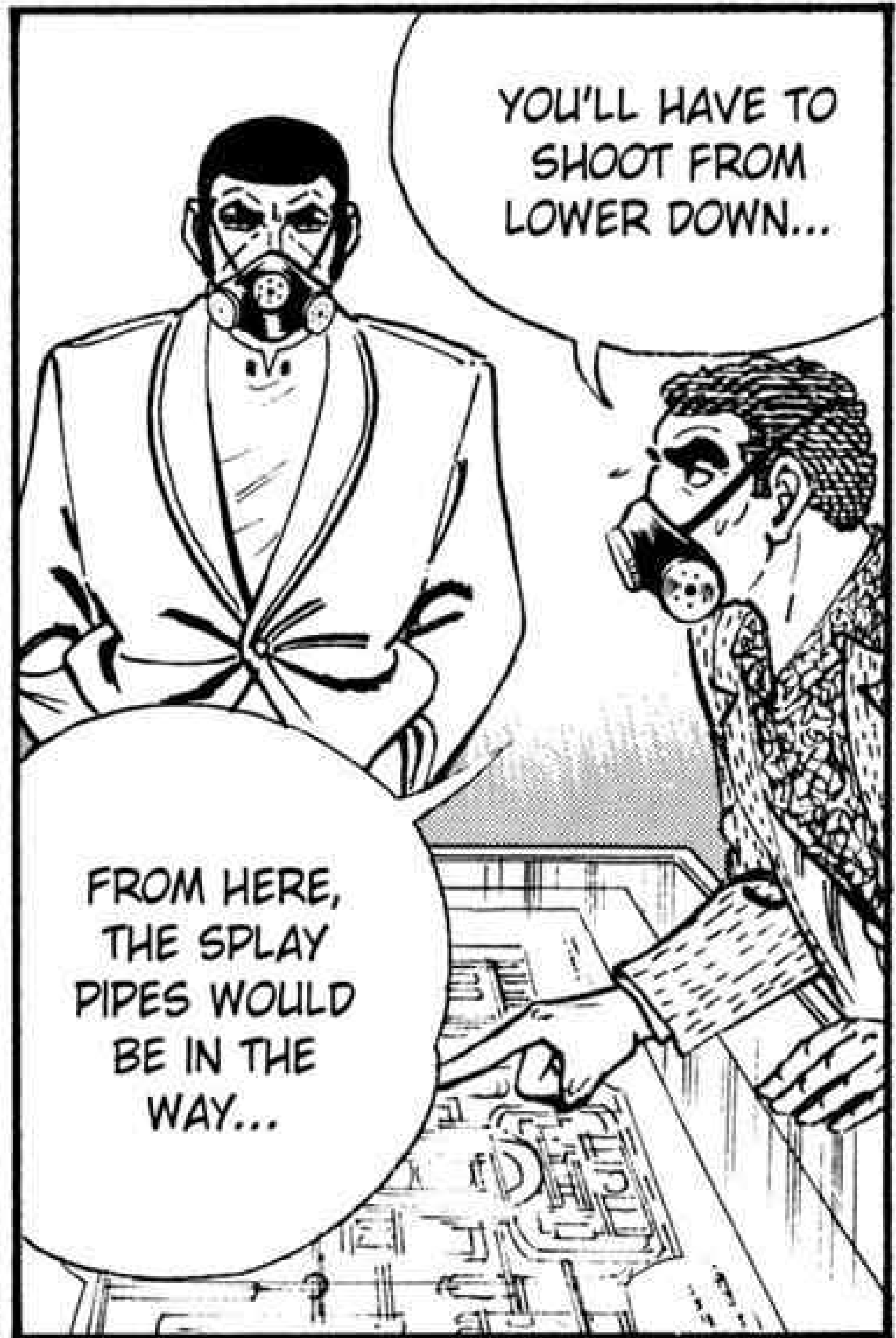


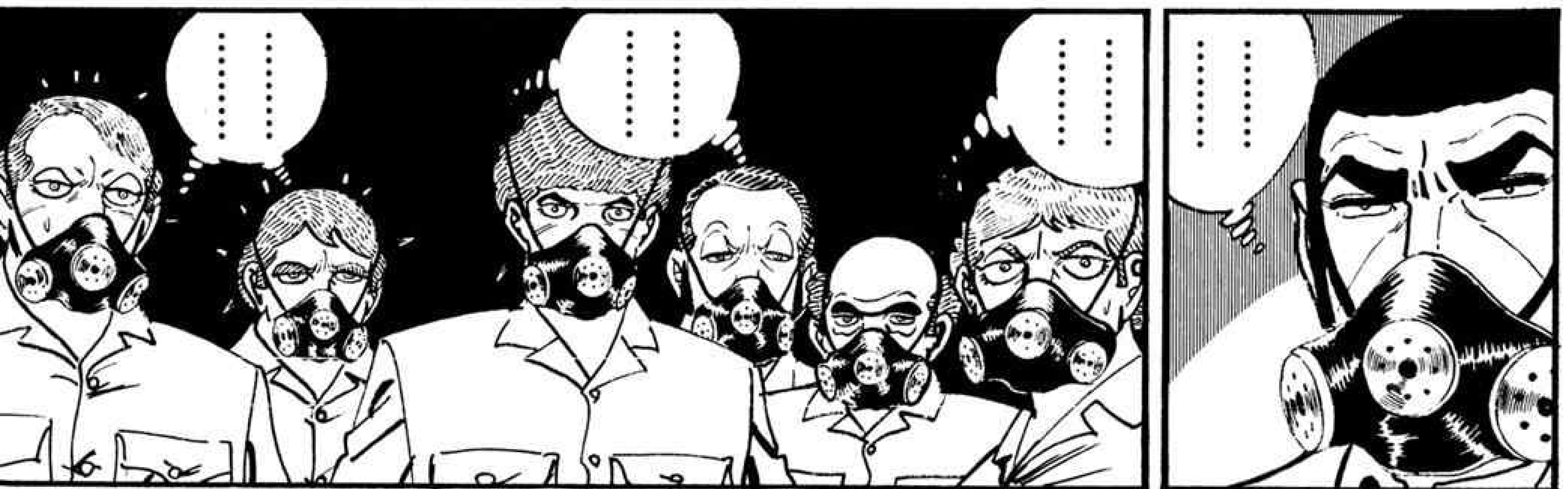
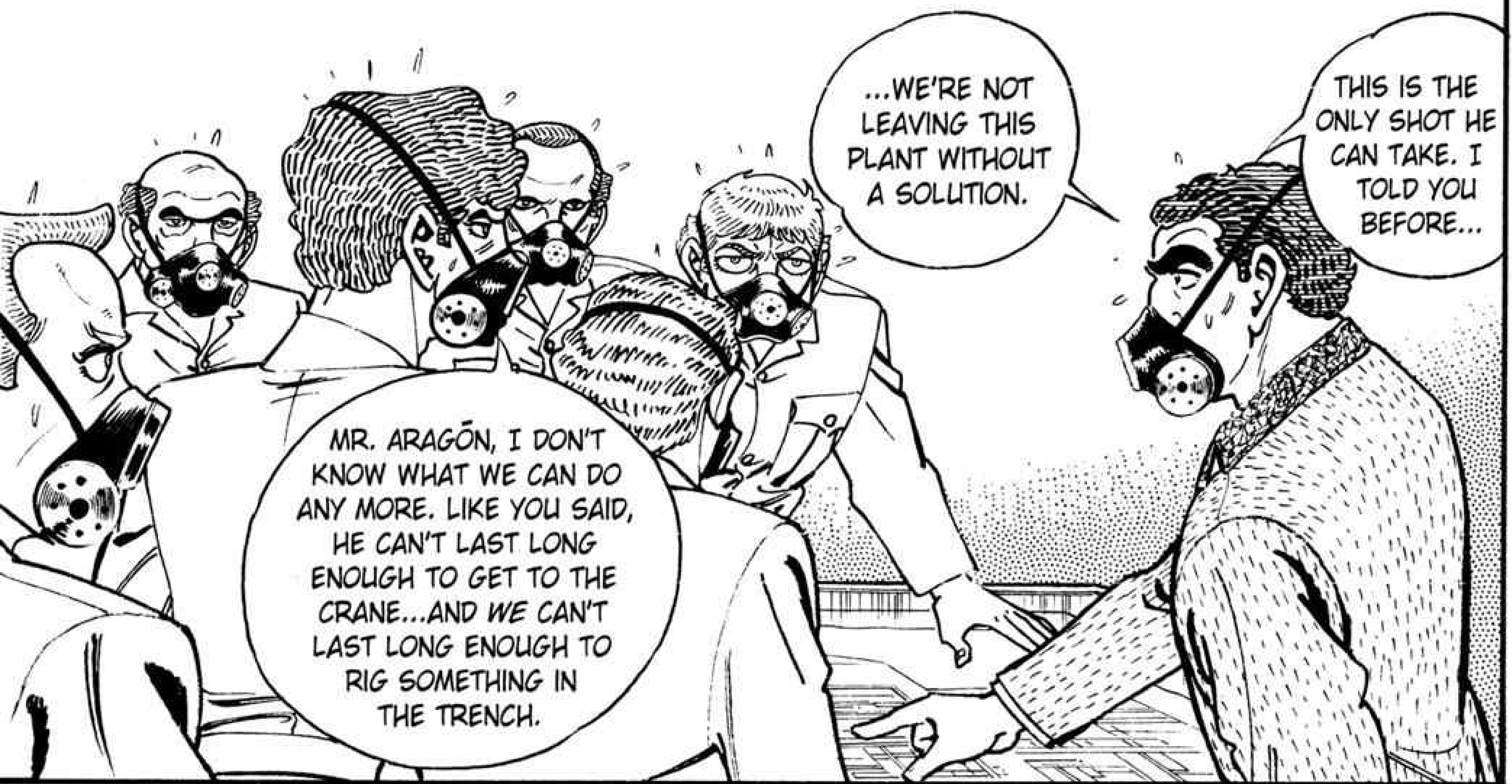




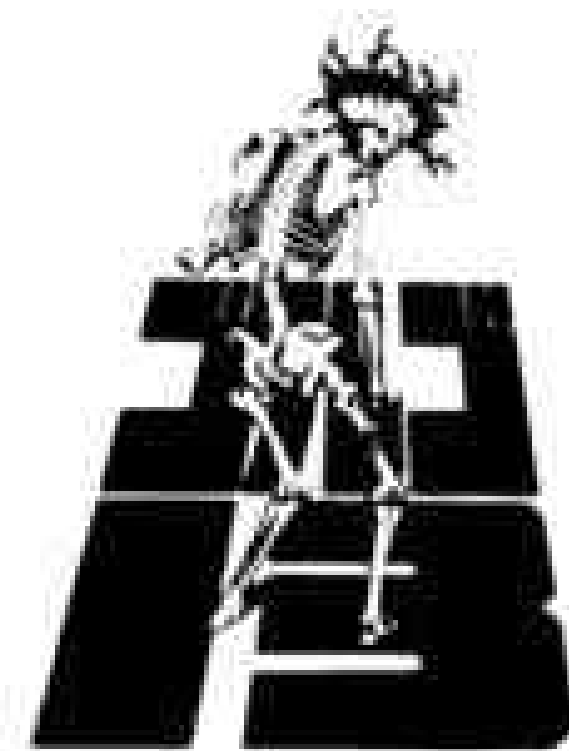
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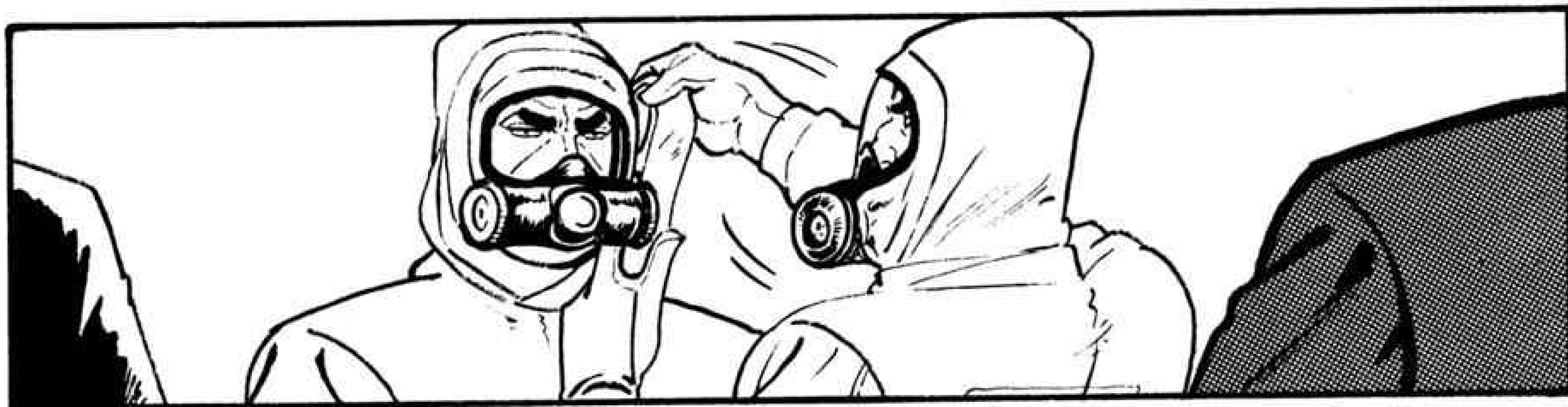




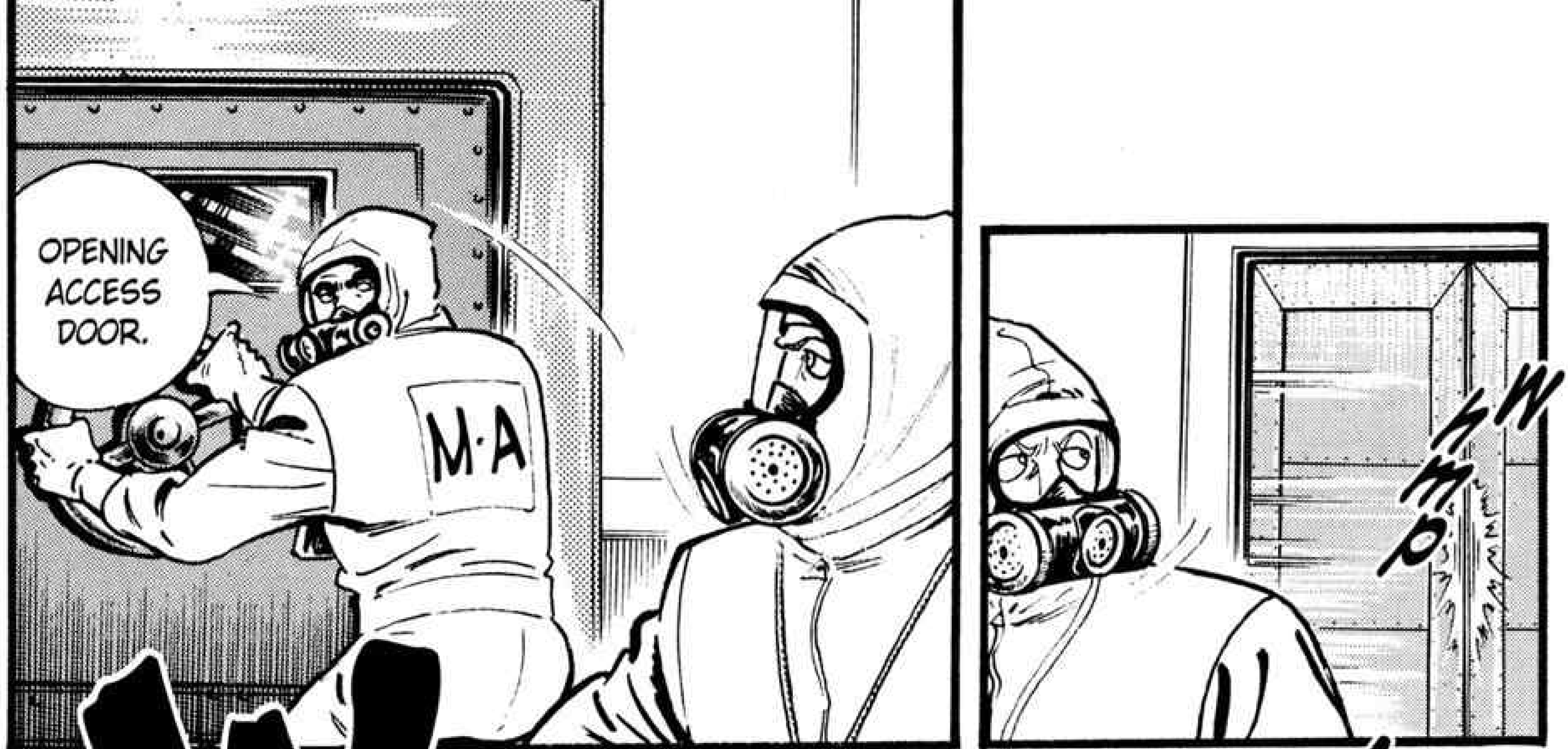


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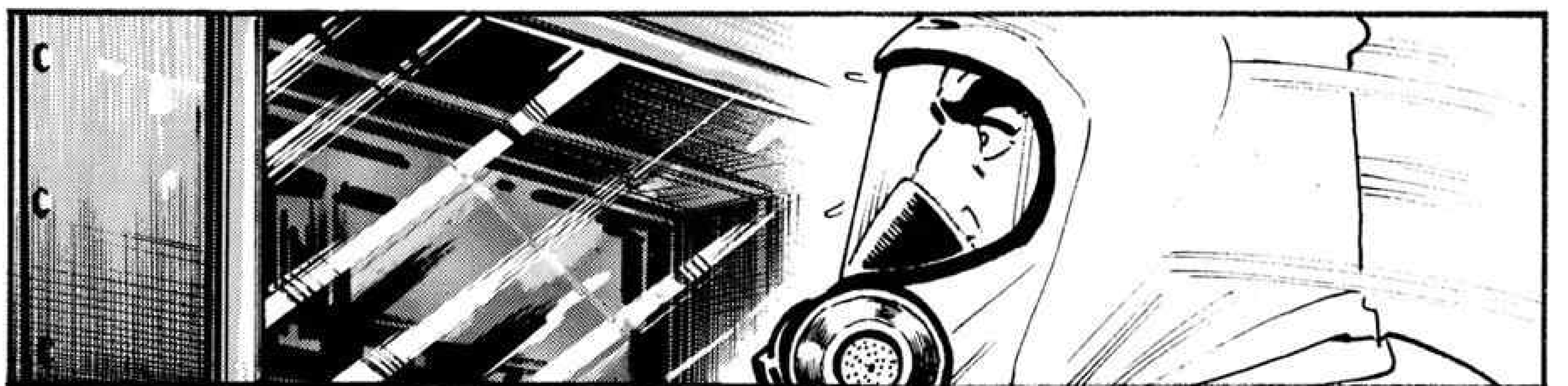
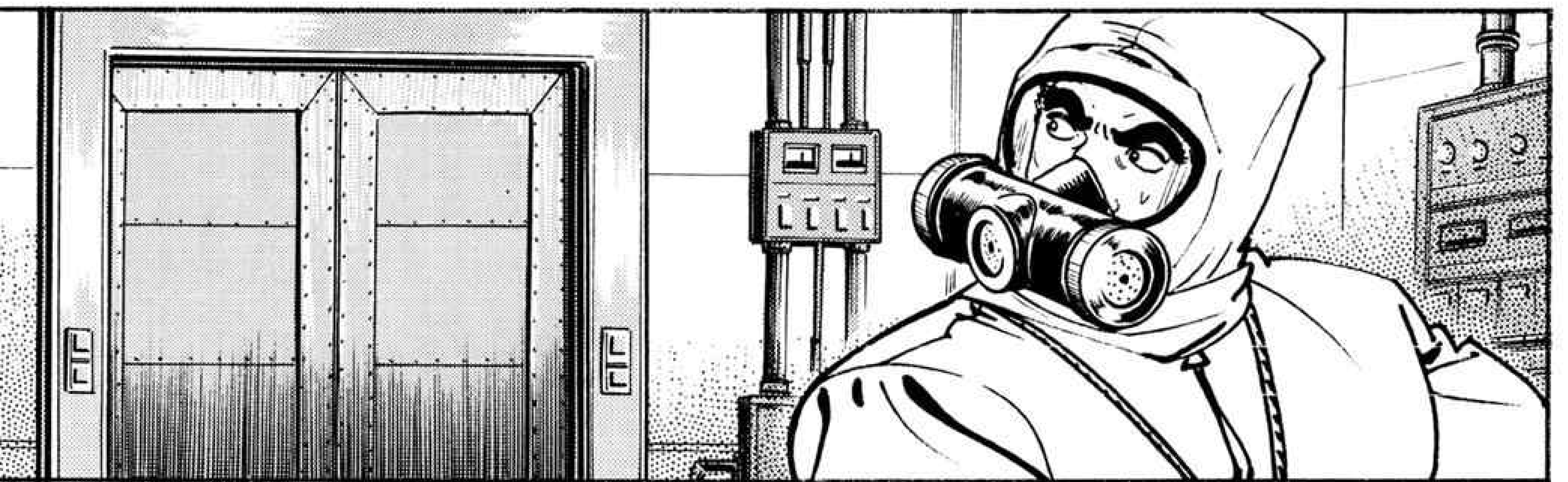
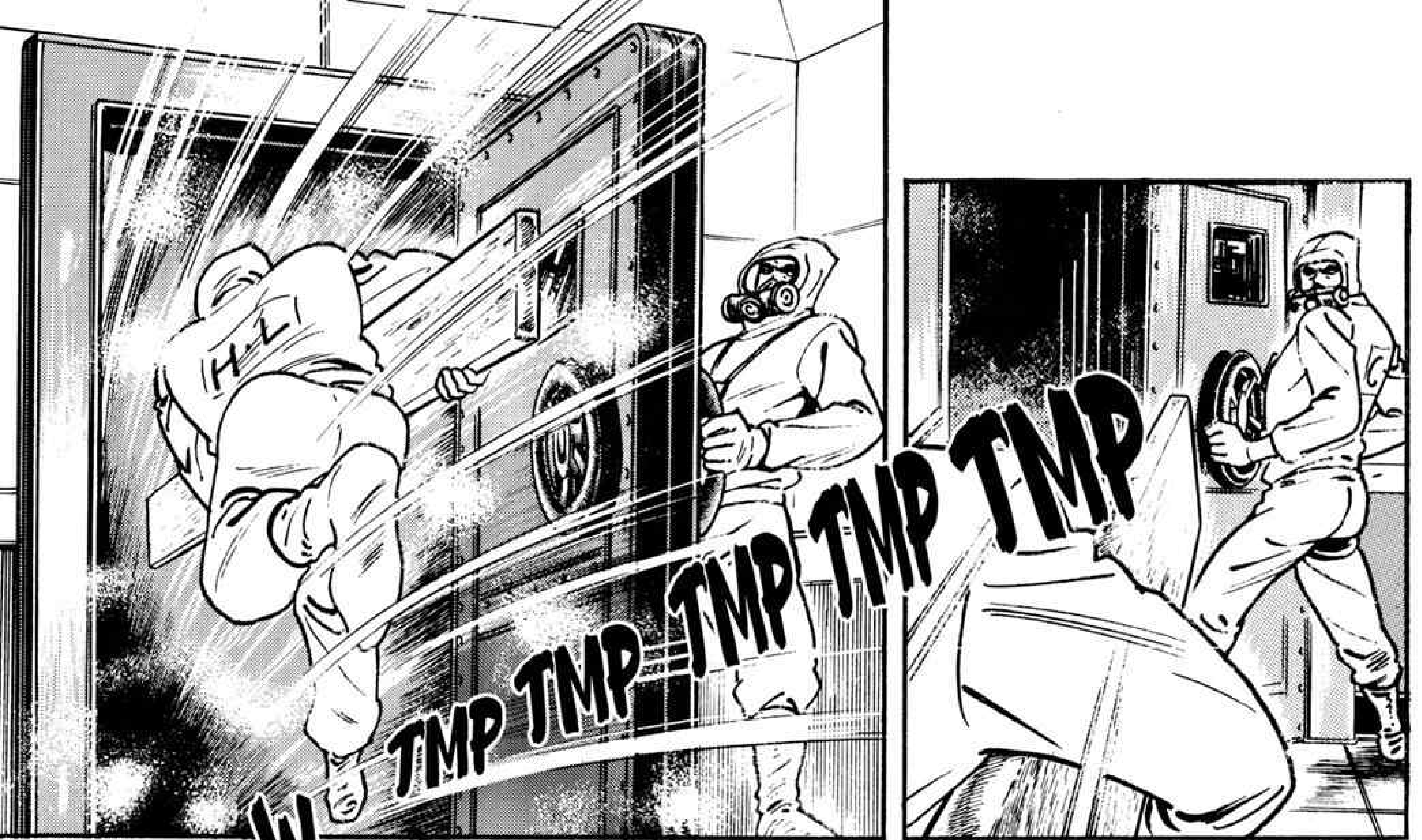
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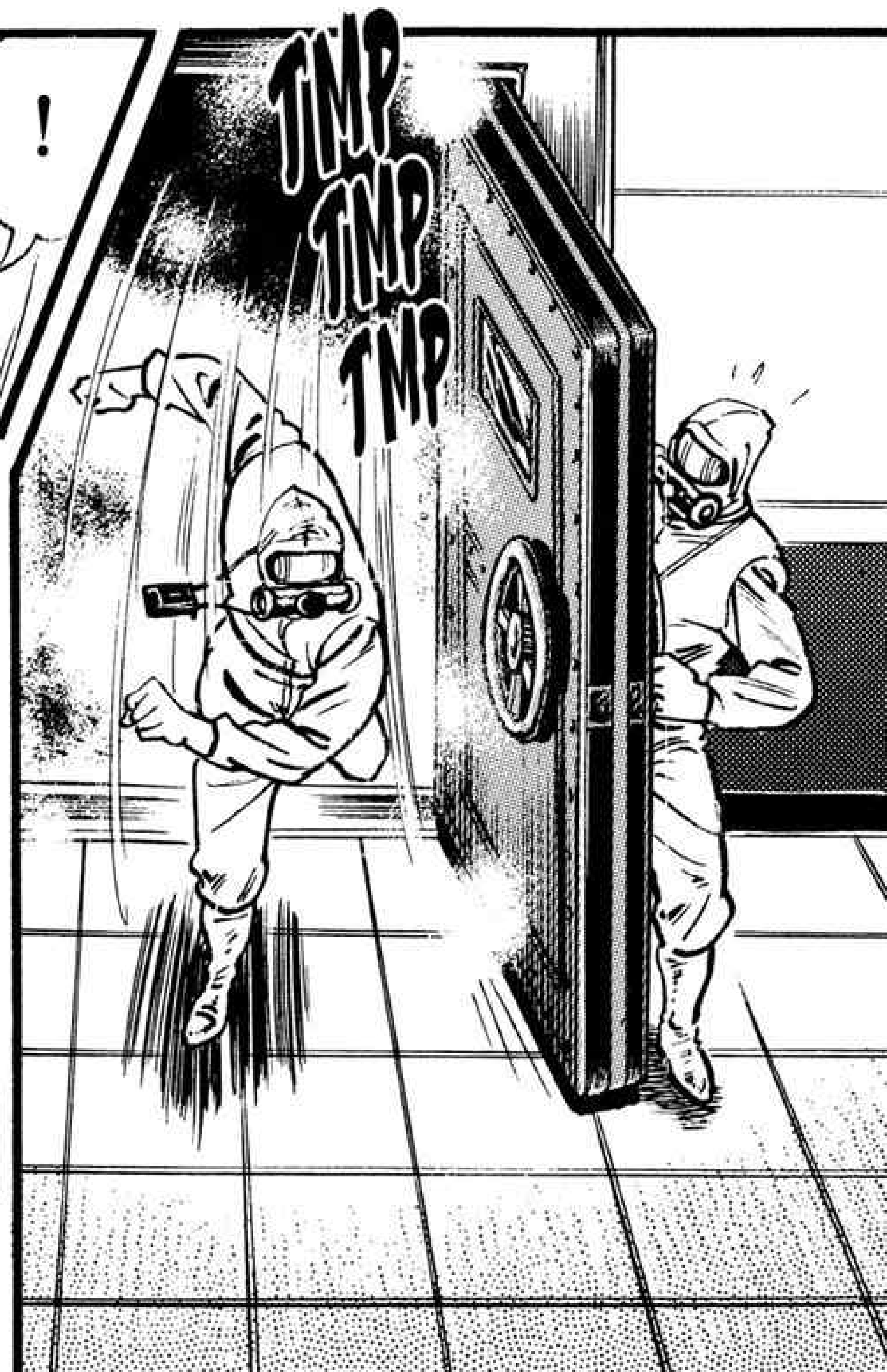
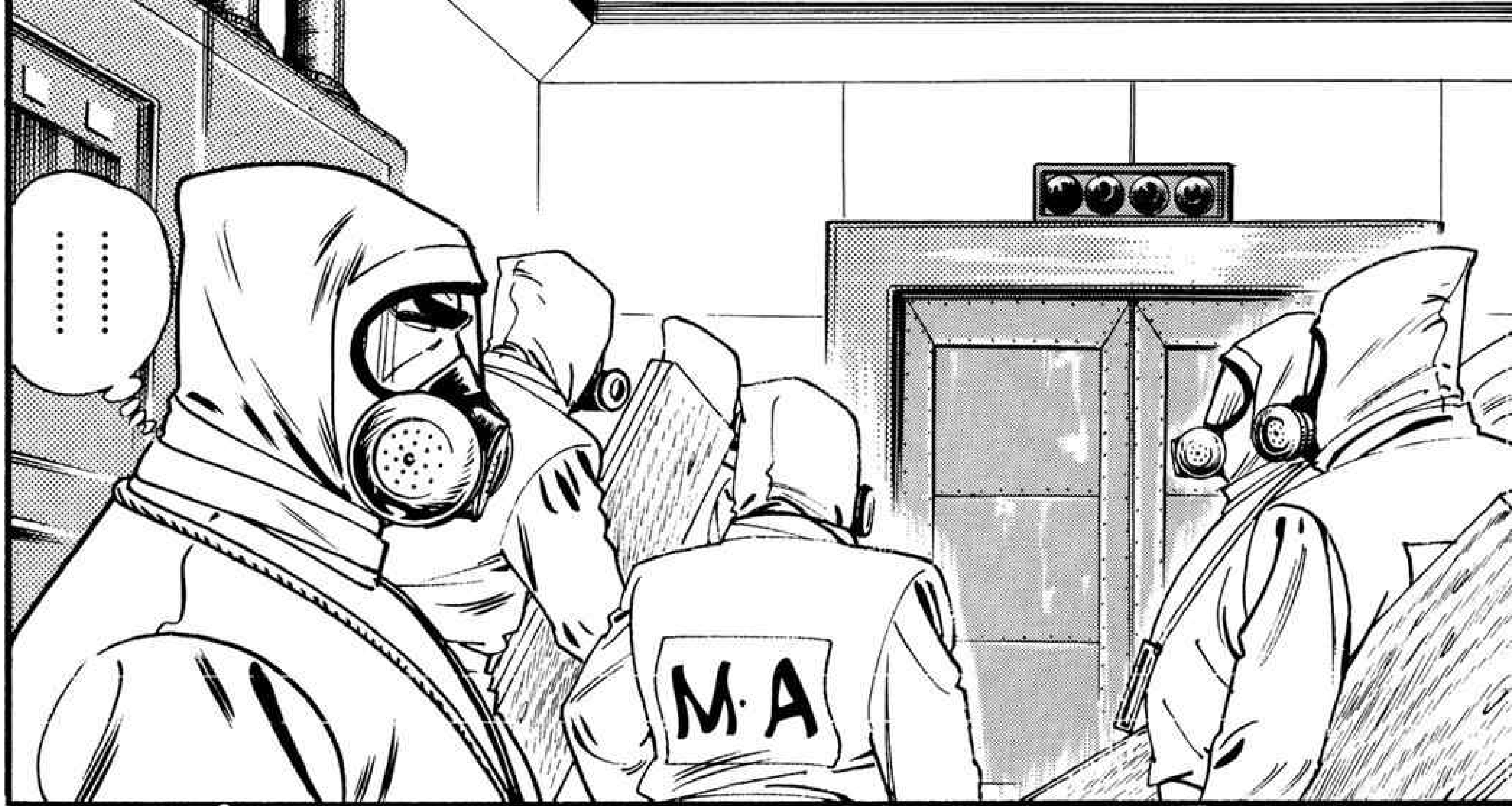


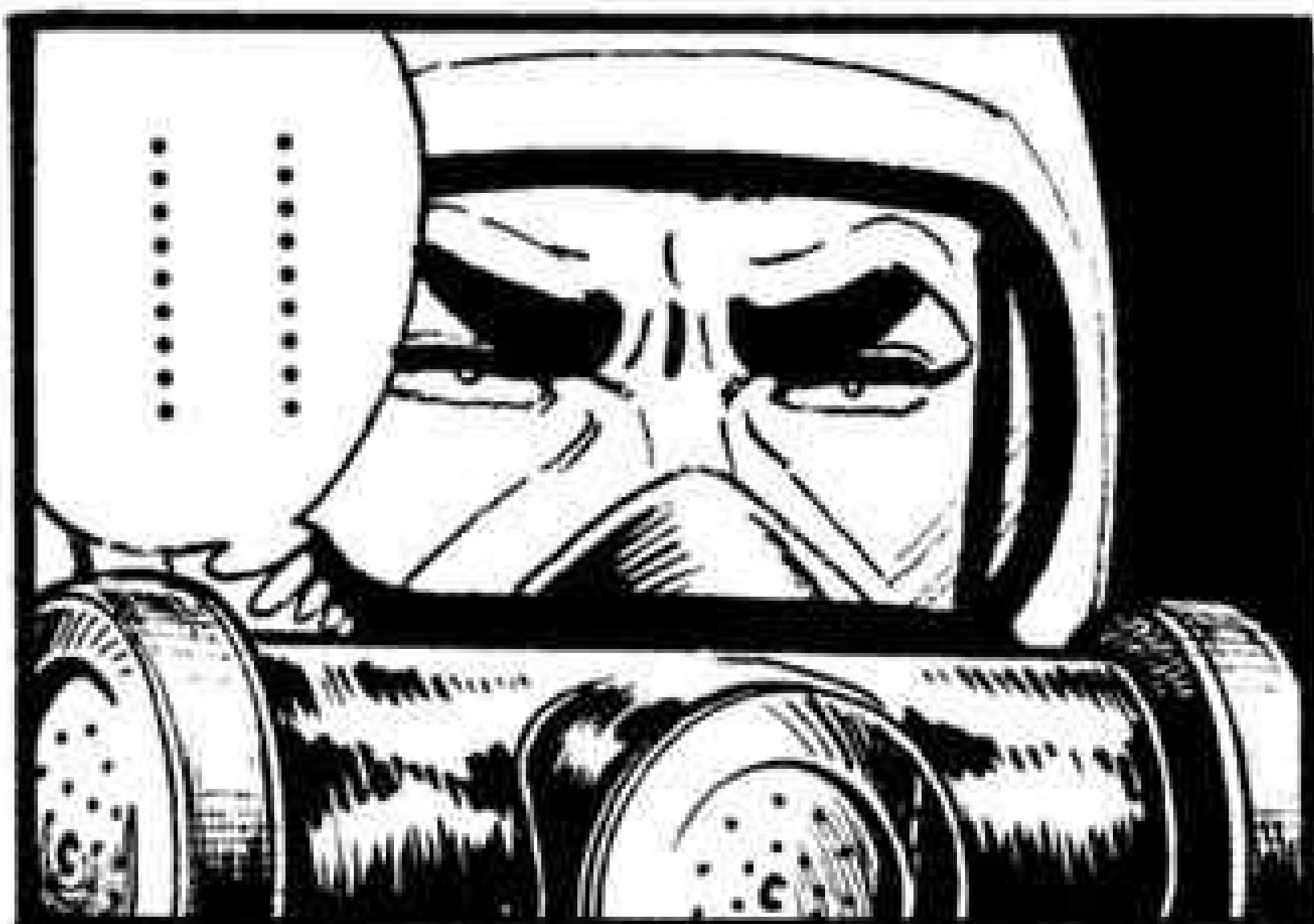
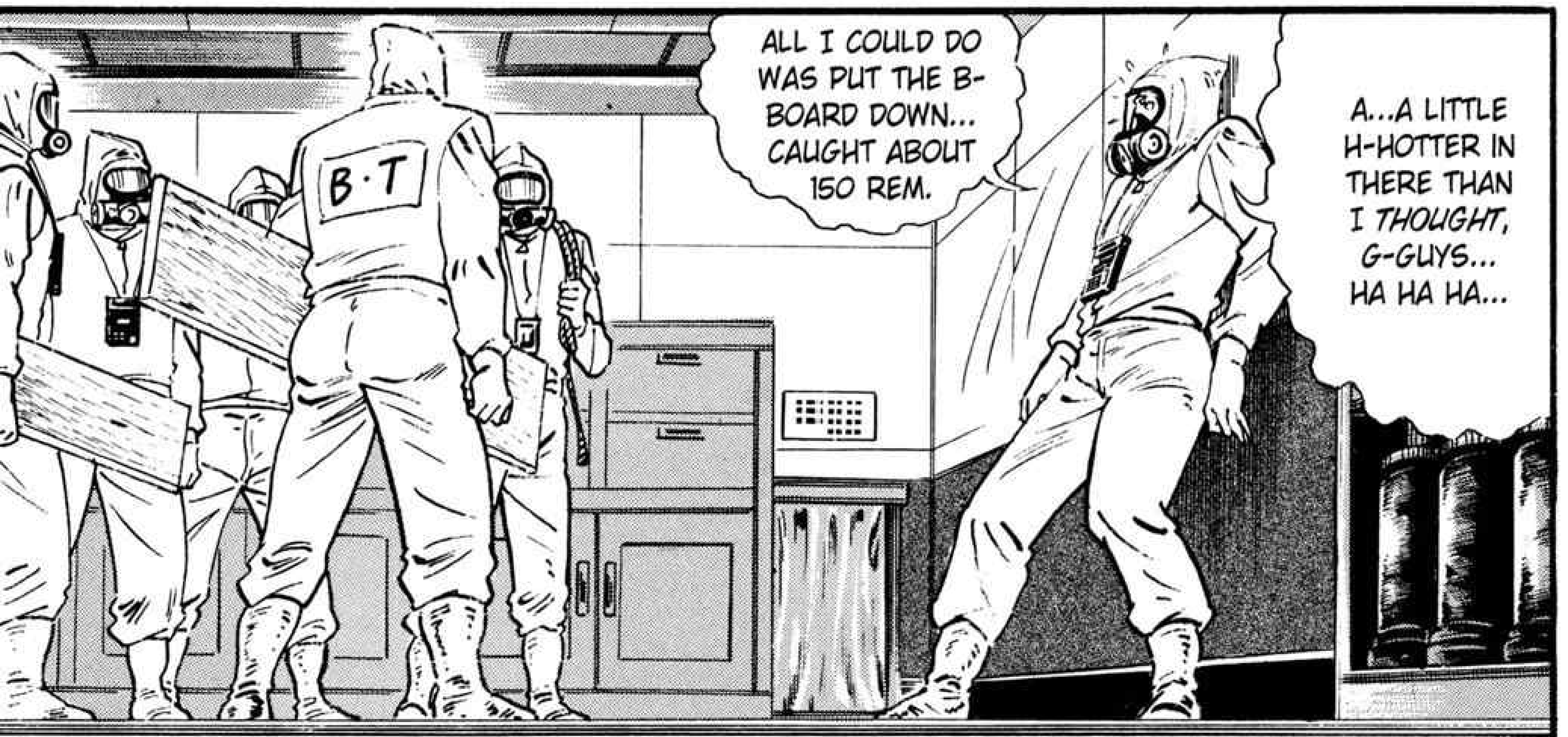
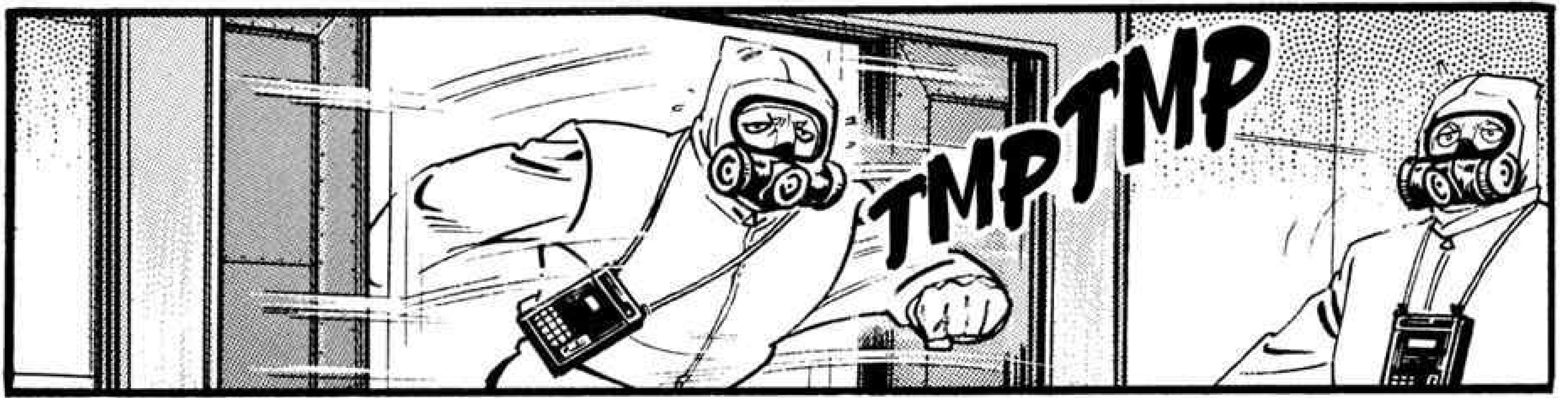




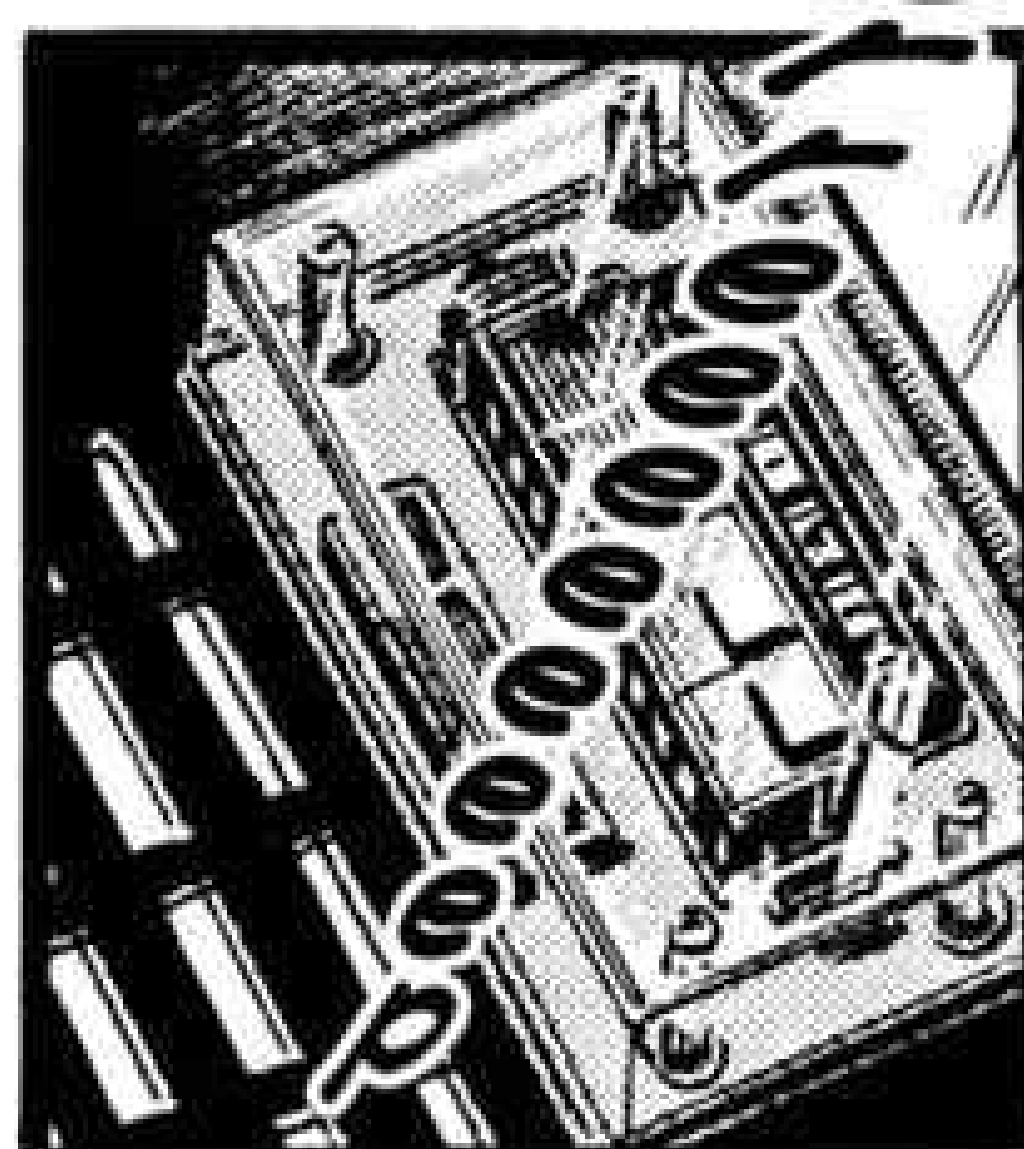
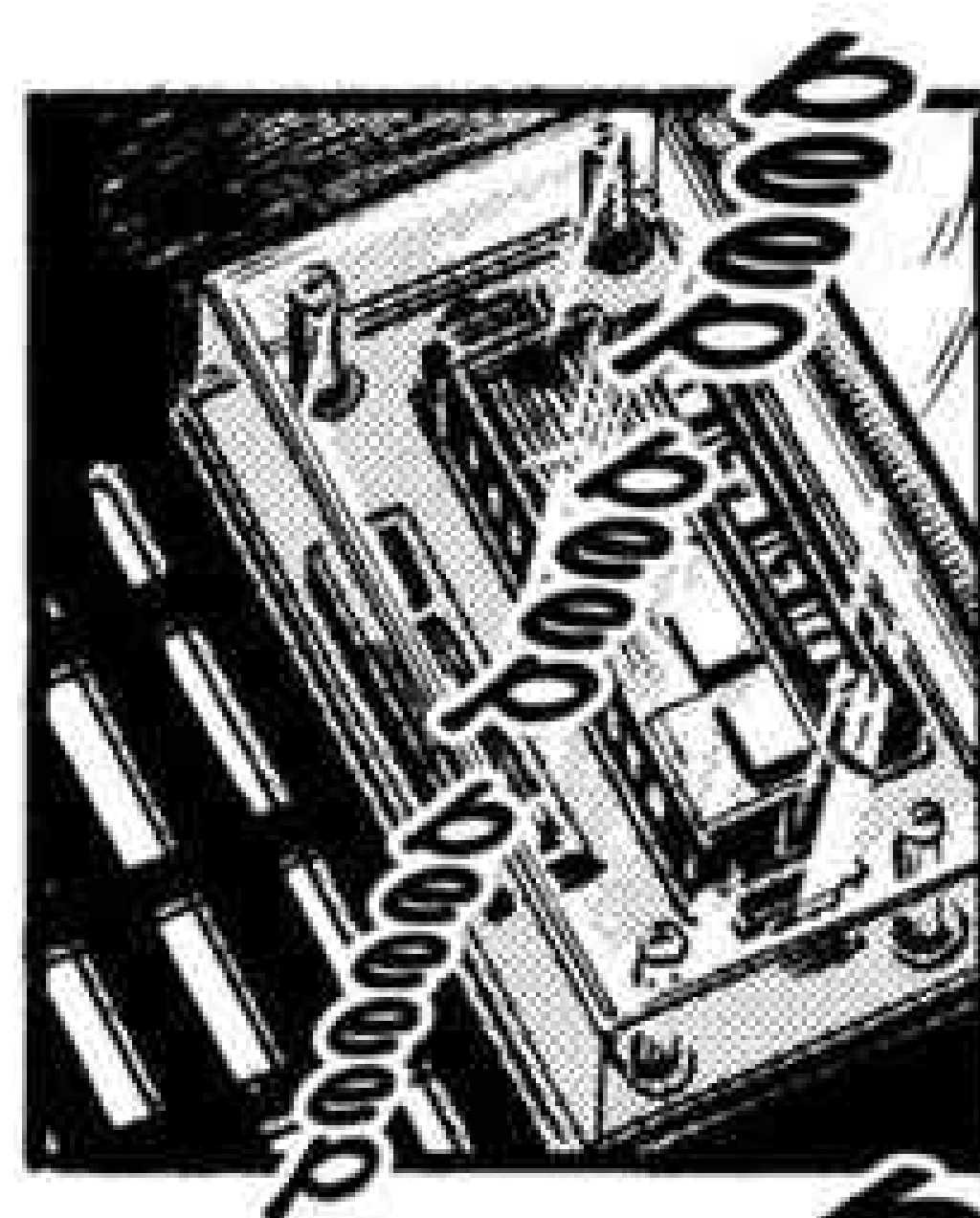
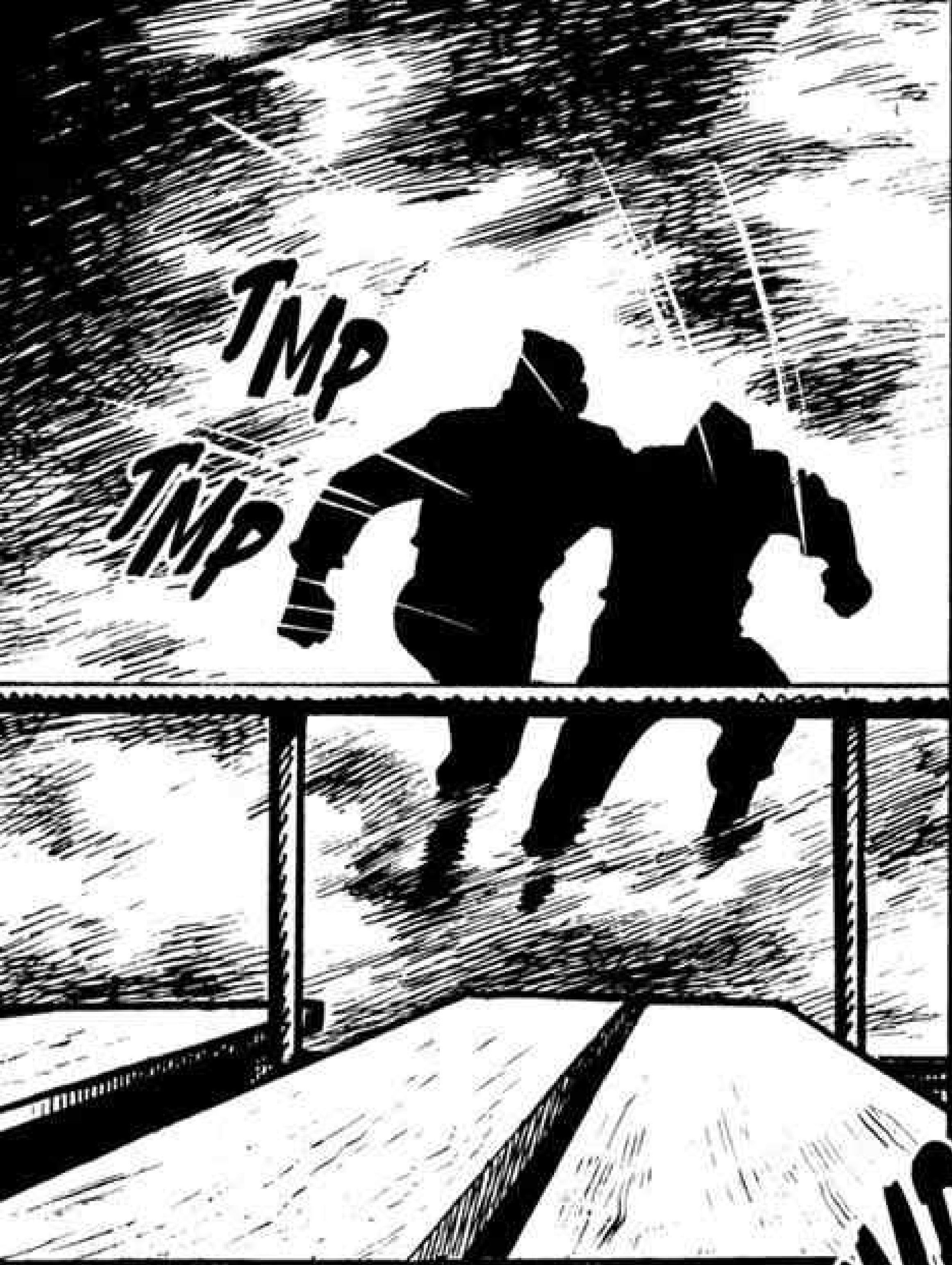


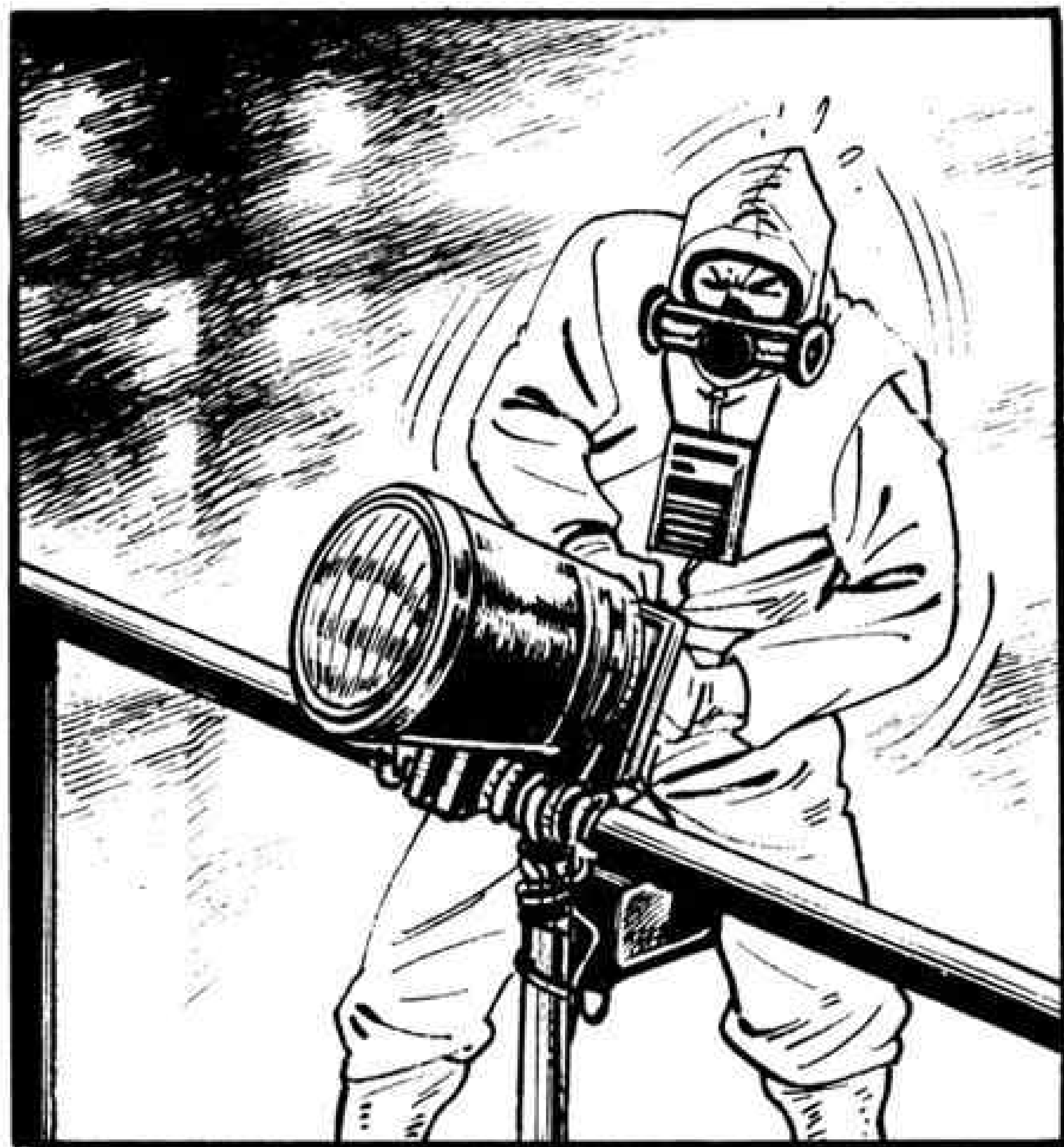
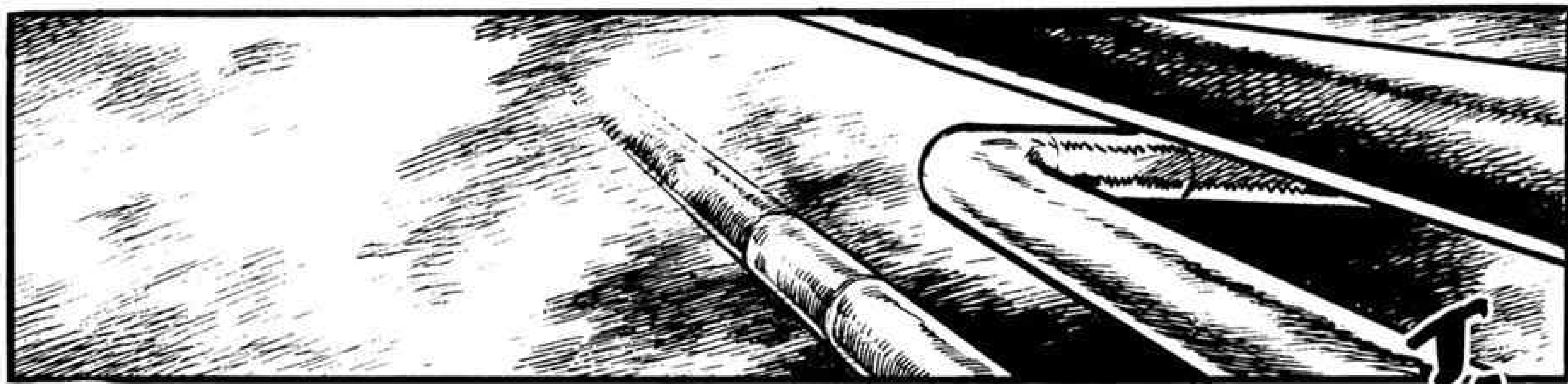
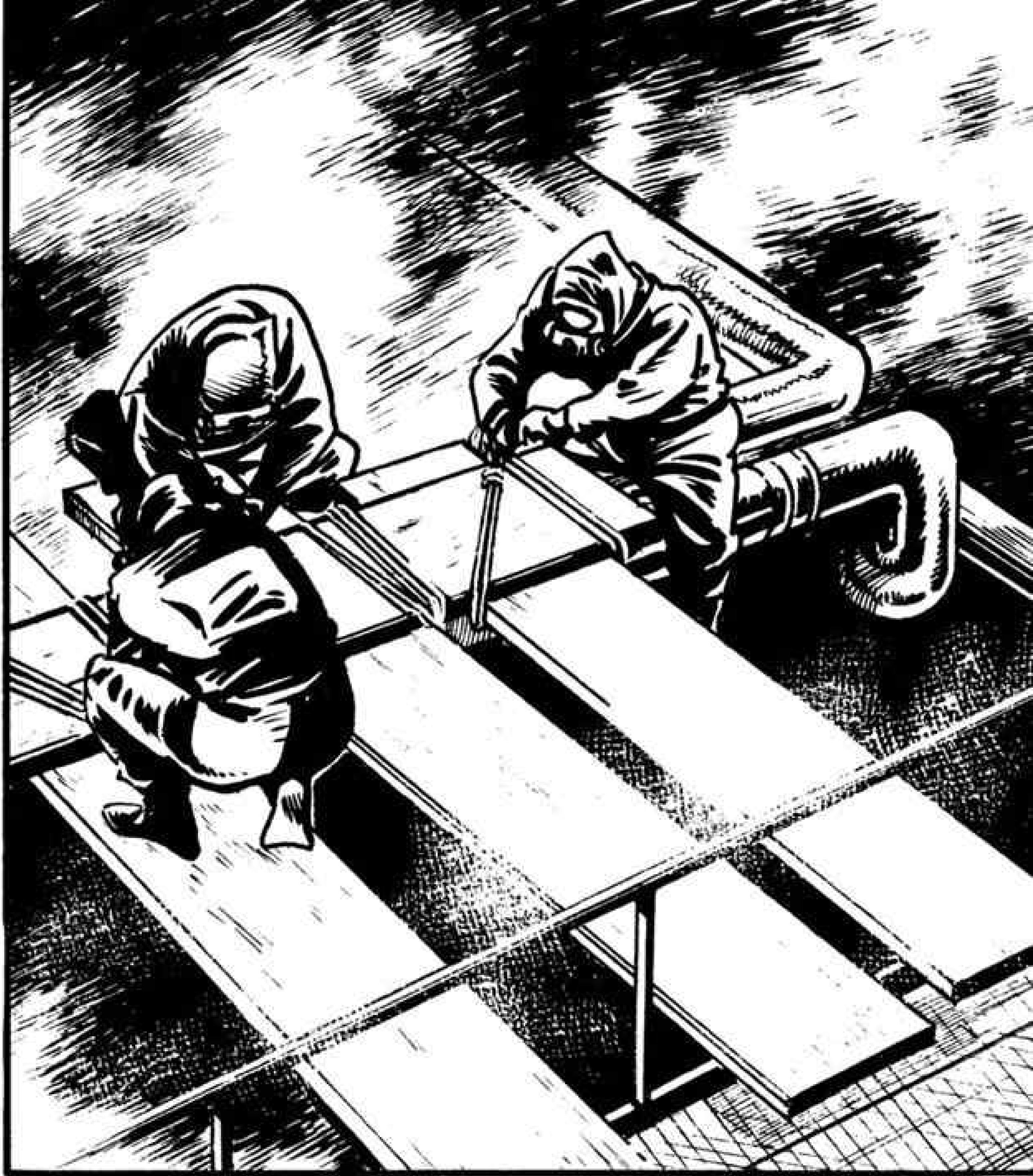












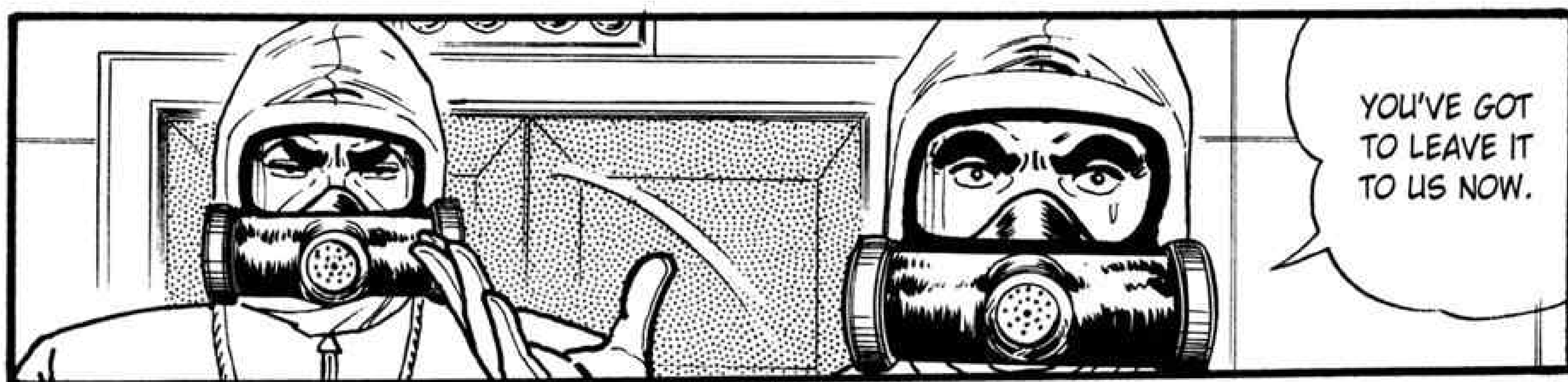


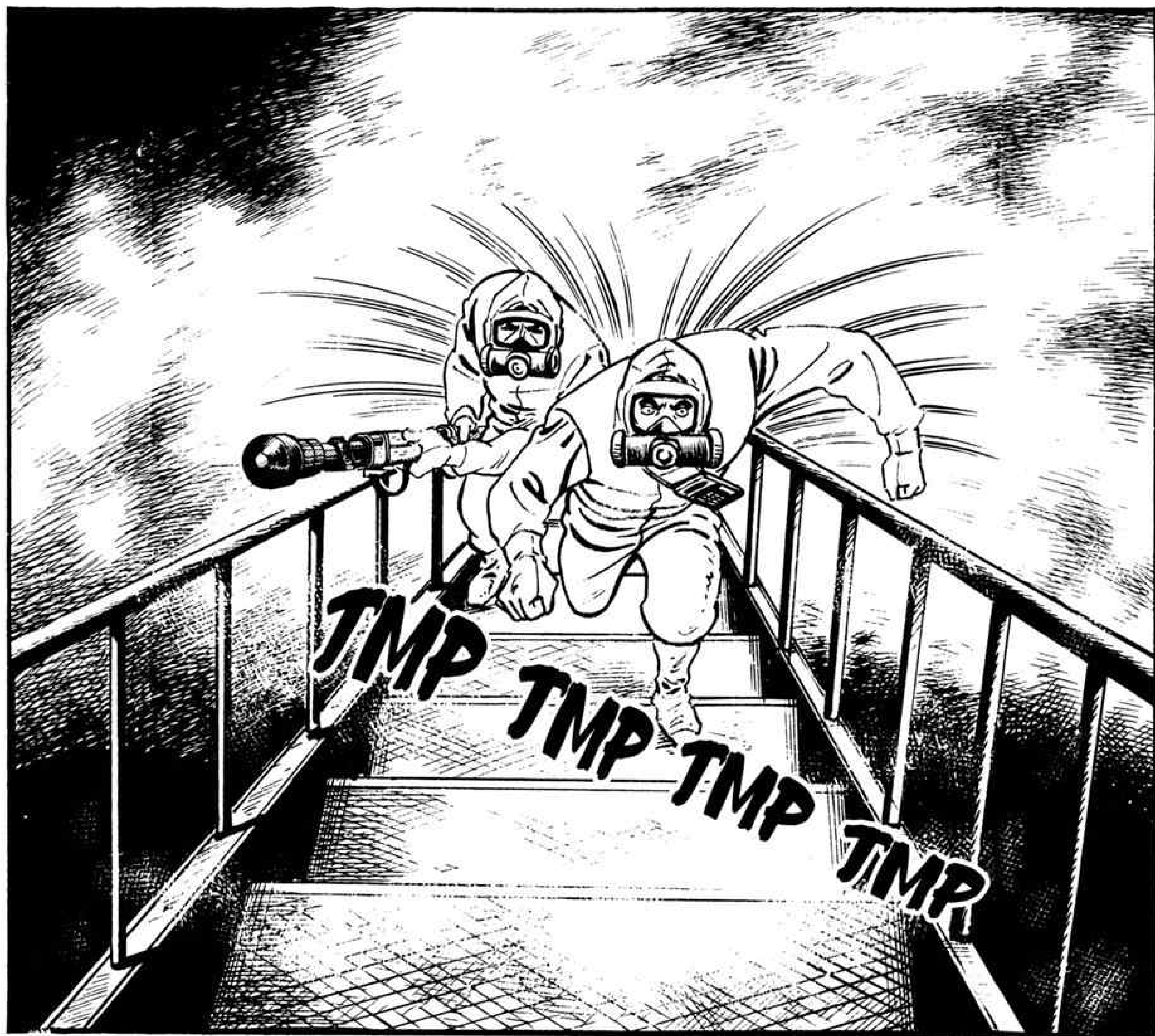
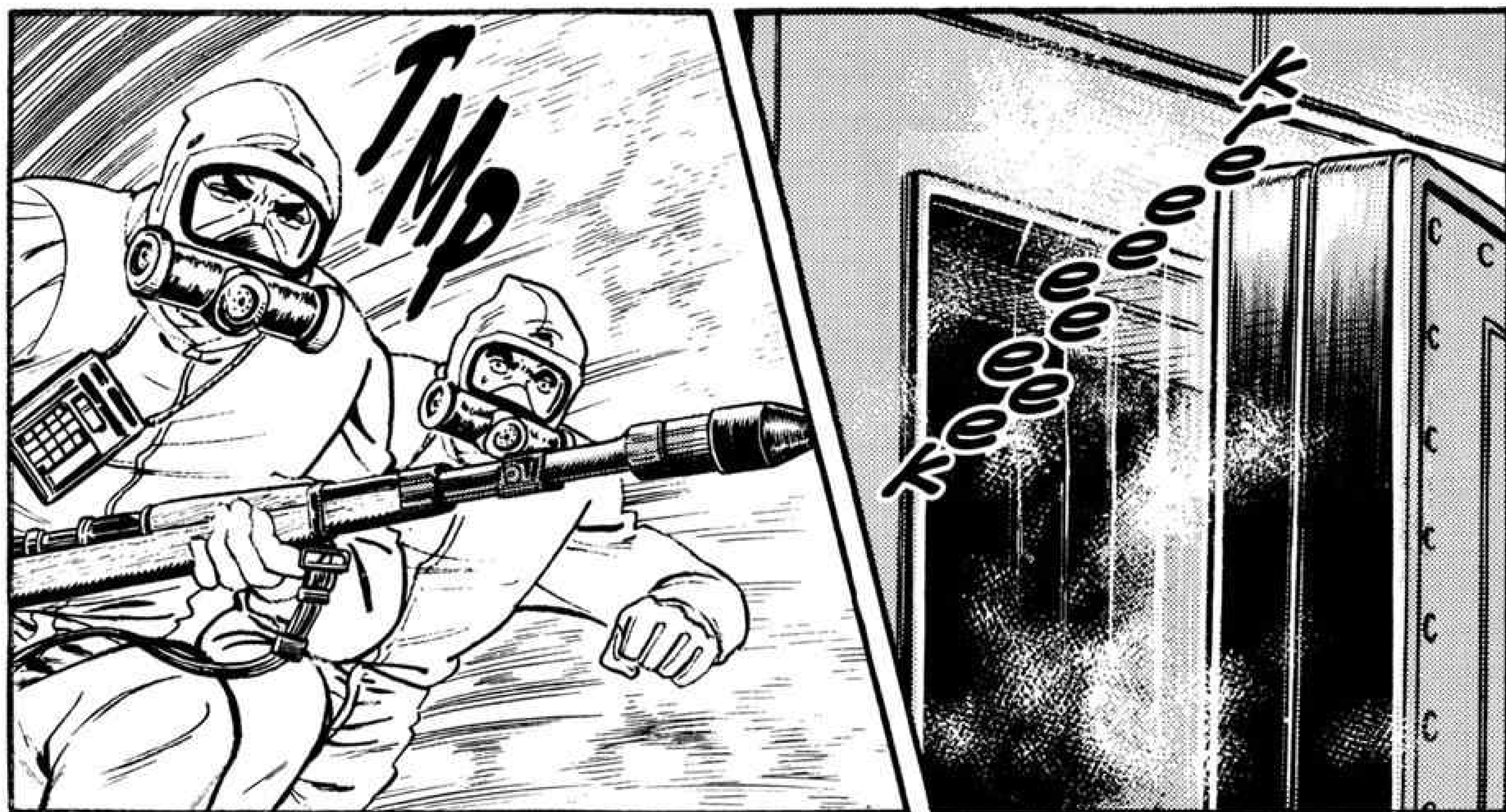
AFTER THAT, IT MAY TAKE HOURS OR DAYS, BUT THE REACTOR WILL EVENTUALLY BE SAFE.

...TO ALLOW THE EMERGENCY CORE COOLING SYSTEM TO FINALLY FUNCTION.

IF ALL GOES WELL... THE COLONEL WILL BE ABLE TO HIT THE CORRECT SPOT, THE GRENADE WILL BLOW THE PIPE OPEN... AND THE PRESSURE IN THE SYSTEM WILL REDUCE JUST ENOUGH...

YOU GUYS HAVE TAKEN ENOUGH RISKS ALREADY...AND THERE MIGHT STILL BE A STEAM EXPLOSION. GET OUT OF HERE AND HEAD FOR THE DE-CONTAMINATION CAMP...I'LL SEE YOU THERE.

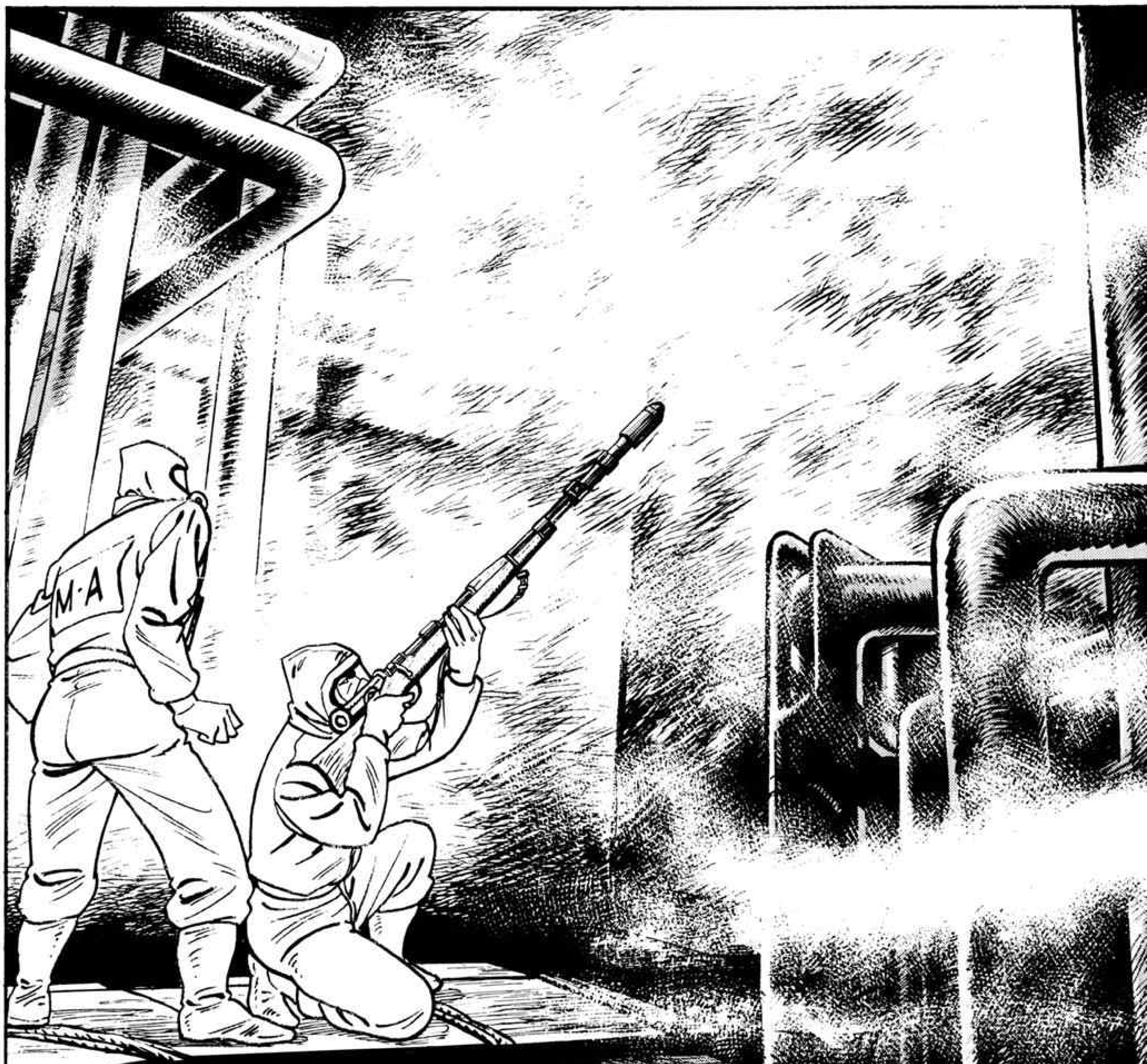




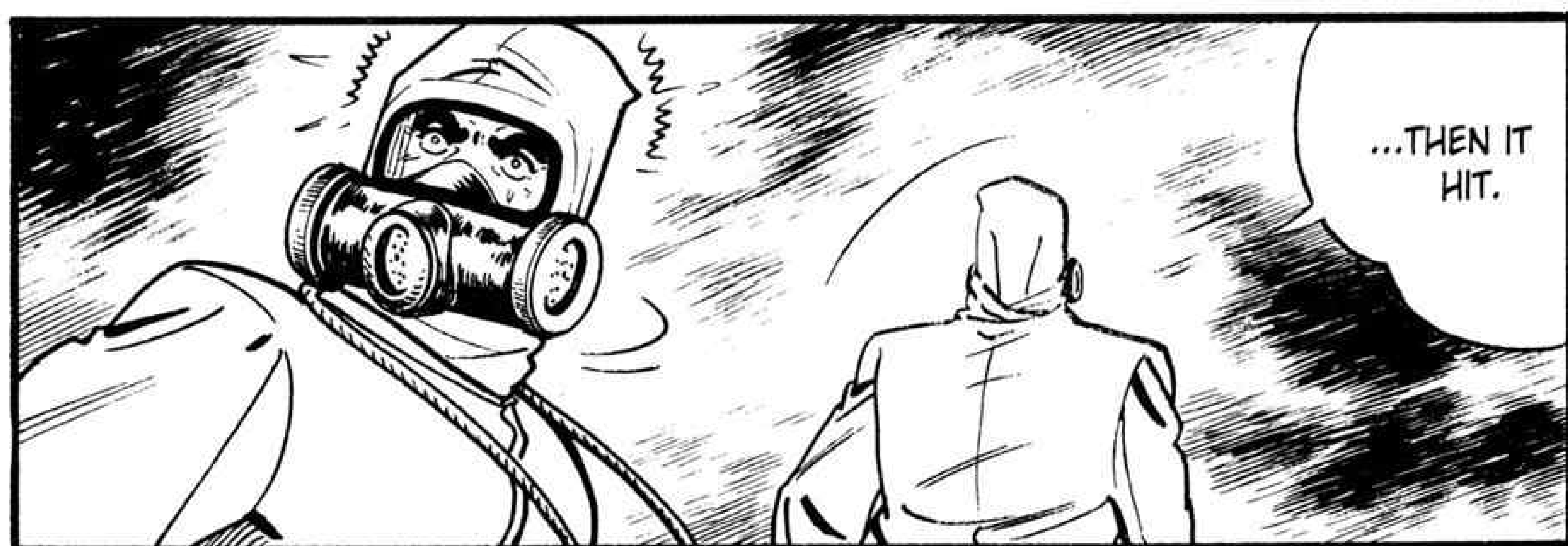
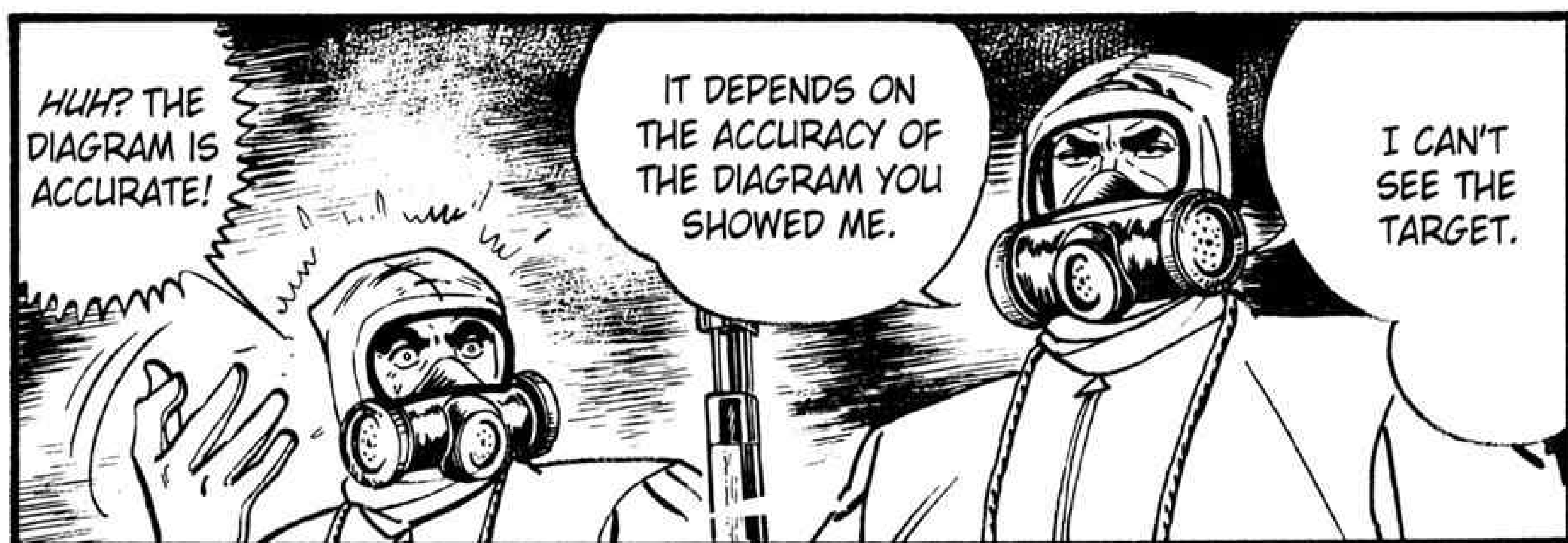


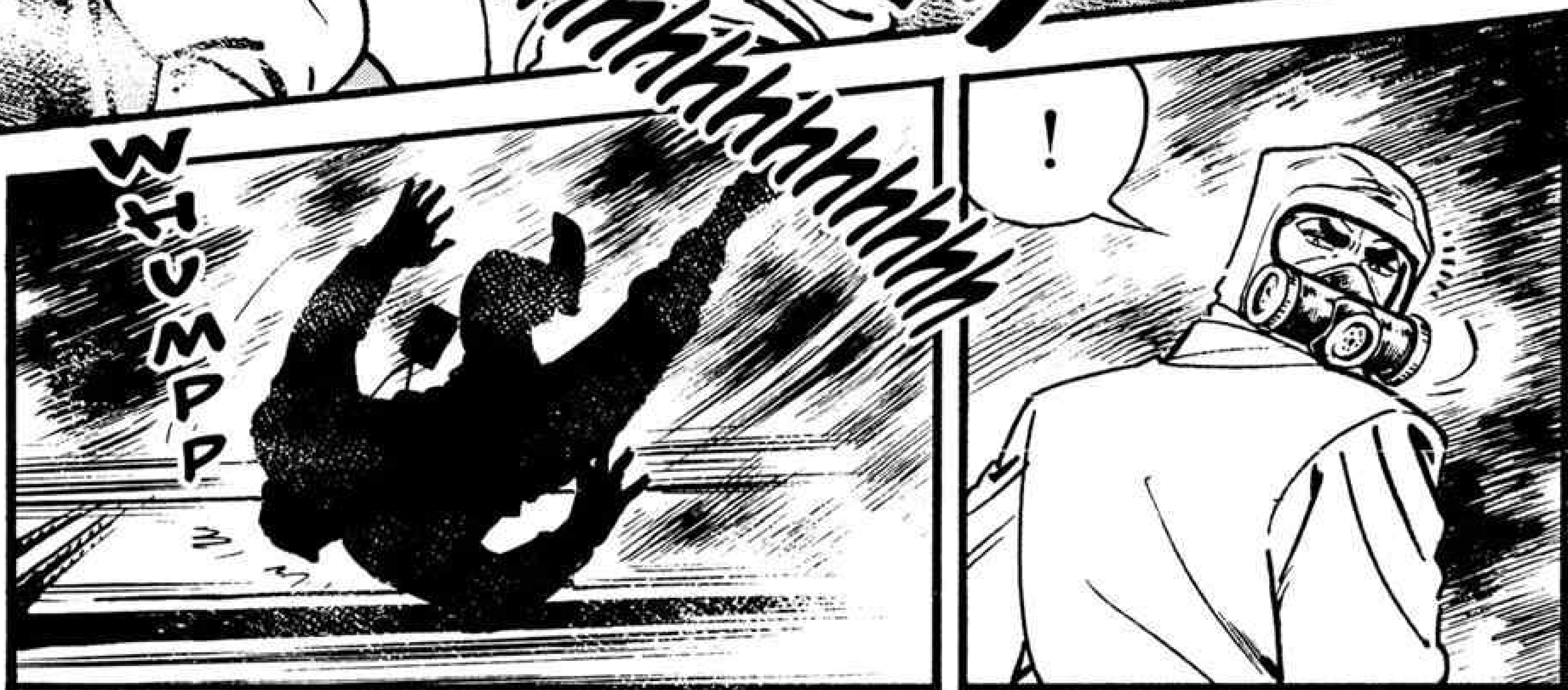
PART 17

SHORT TIME











THANKS FOR
G-GOING
ALONG WITH
ALL THIS.

S-SAY...I'M GONNA
RELAX NOW AND HAVE
A SMOKE, OKAY? YOU
BETTER GET OUT OF
HERE, TOGO...I MIGHT
BE A LITTLE WHILE.



IN TWENTY
MINUTES,
TOPS, I'LL
BE DEAD.

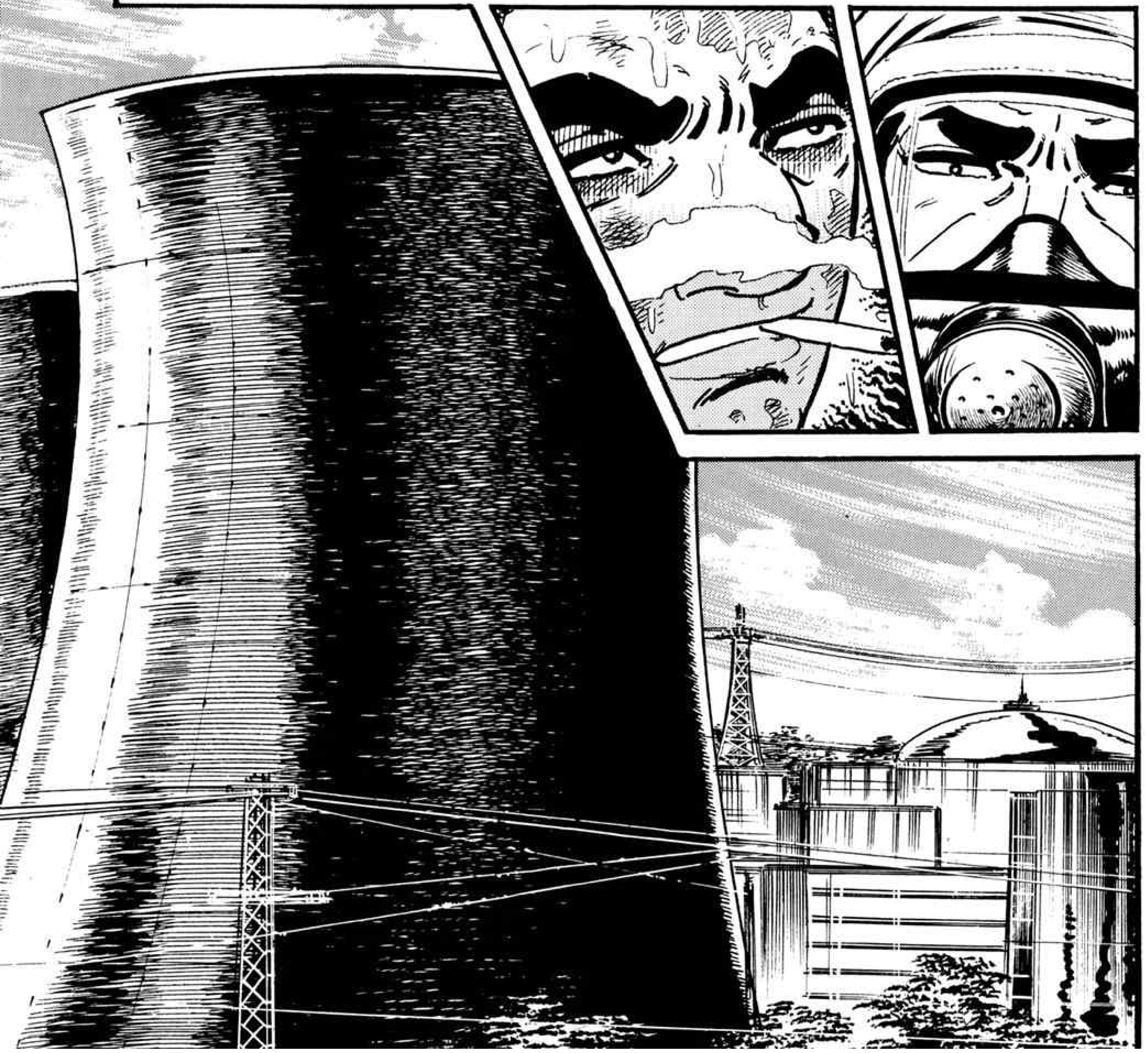
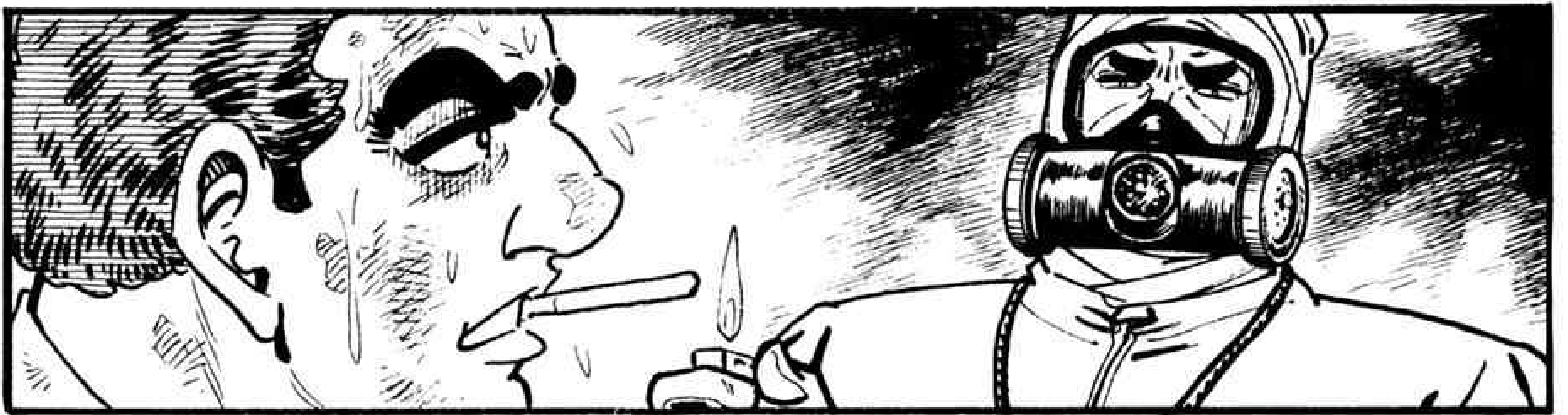
...I WAS THE
WITNESS.

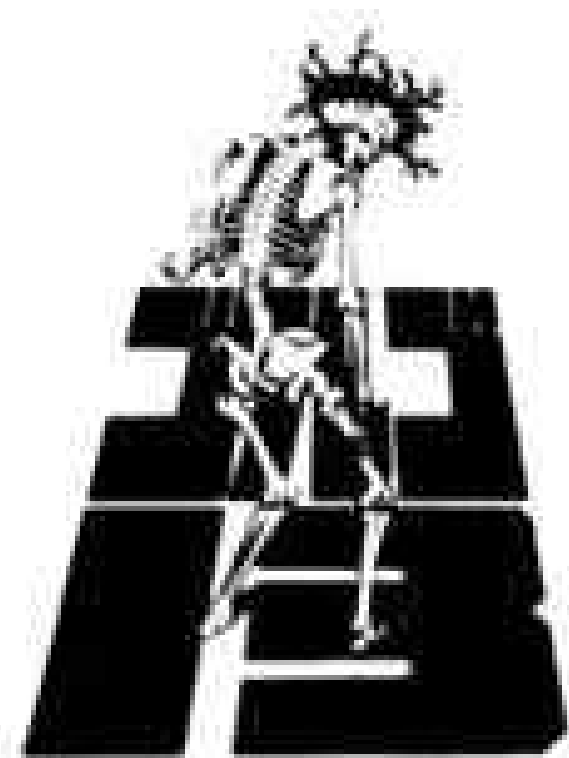
Y-YOU'VE GOT
THE MONEY...NOW
AS FOR THE
WITNESS...



I SAID I'M A
DEAD MAN
ALREADY! GET
AWAY FROM
ME, TOGO...YOU
D-DON'T WANT
TO TOUCH...



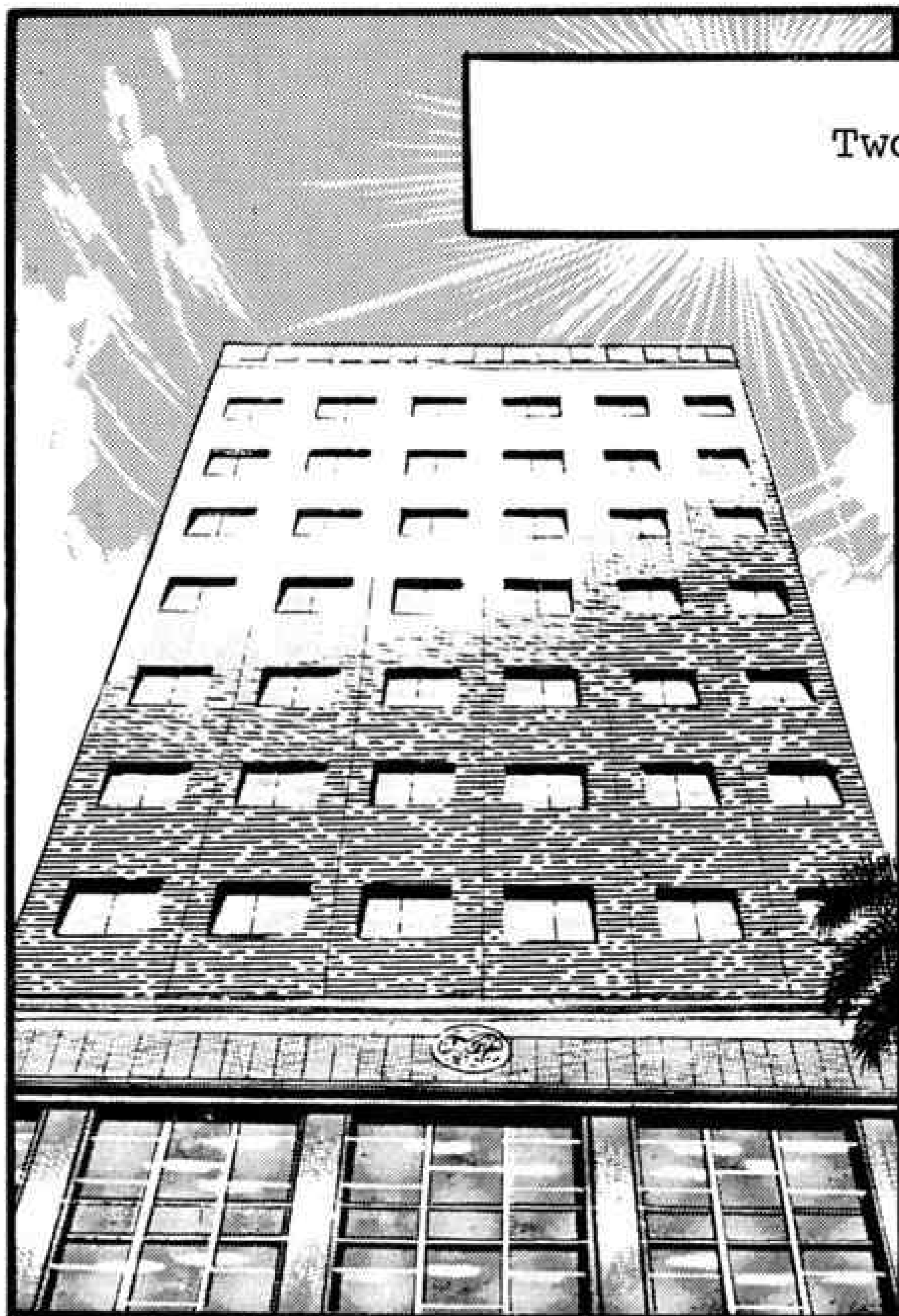


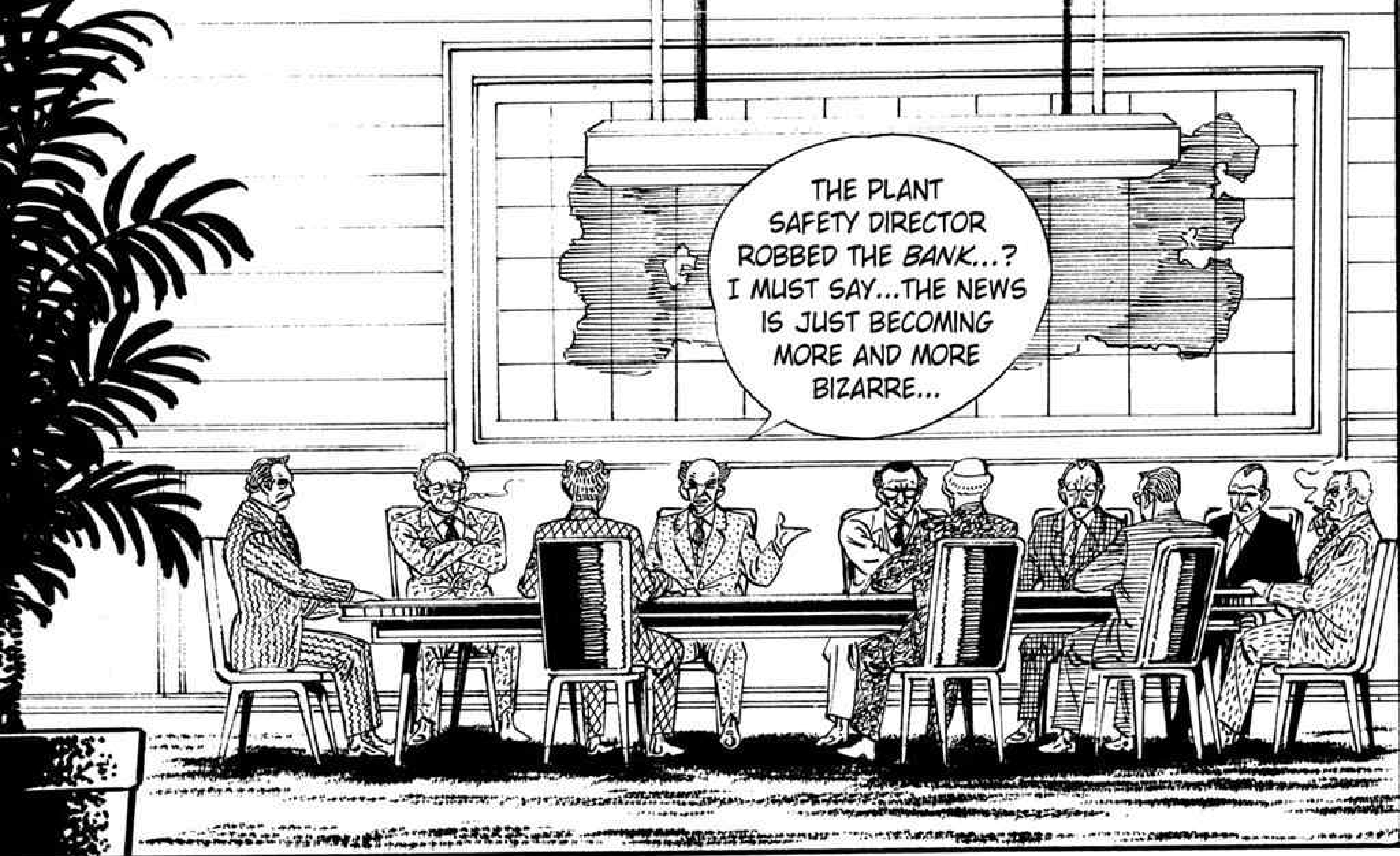


PART 18

GOOD NEWS

Two Hours Later

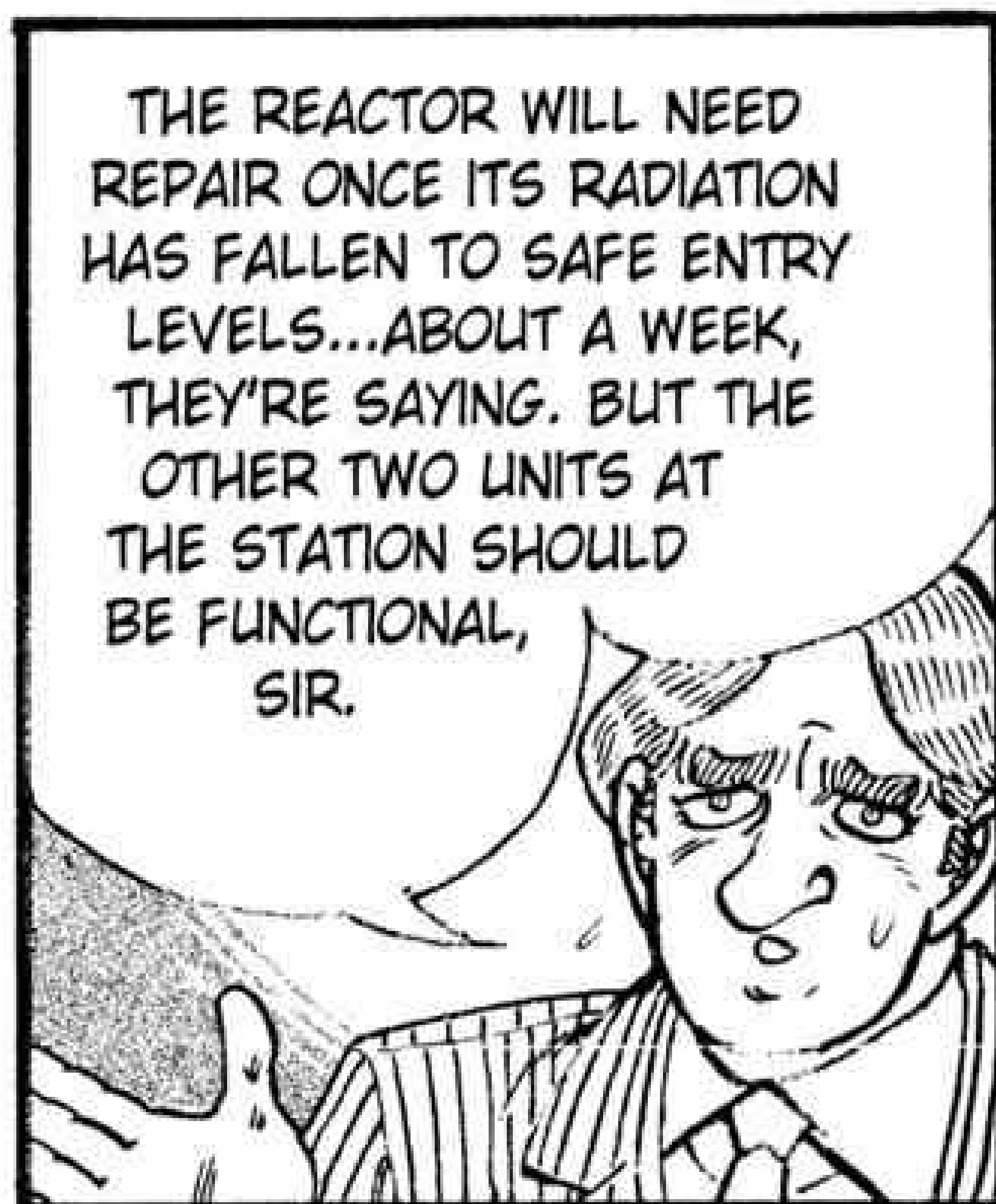






...MIGUEL.

YOU DID IT...

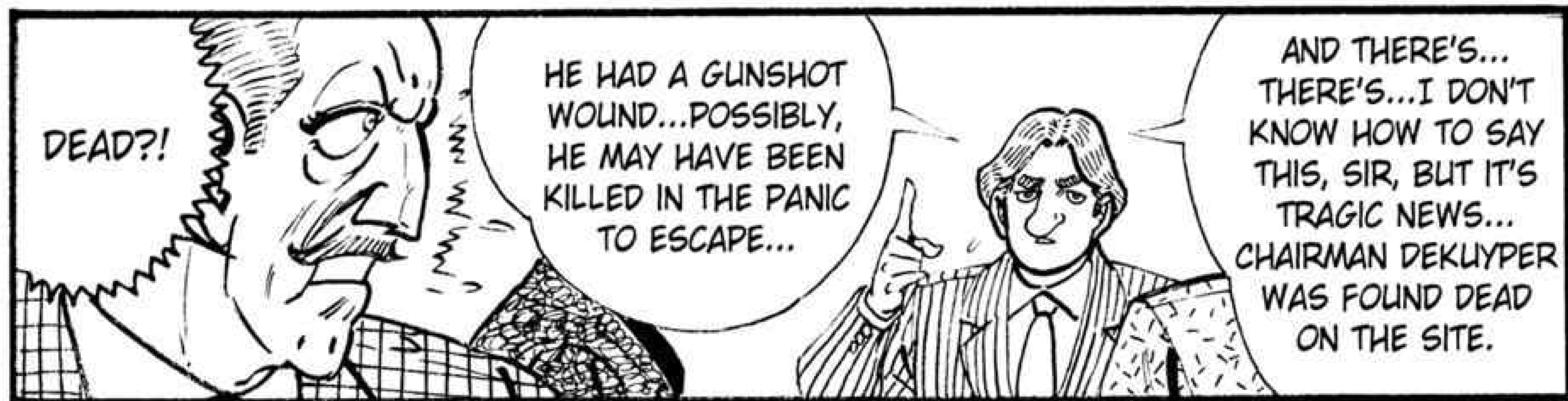


THE REACTOR WILL NEED REPAIR ONCE ITS RADIATION HAS FALLEN TO SAFE ENTRY LEVELS...ABOUT A WEEK, THEY'RE SAYING. BUT THE OTHER TWO UNITS AT THE STATION SHOULD BE FUNCTIONAL, SIR.



CONGRATULATIONS, GENTLEMEN!

WE DID IT!



DEAD?!

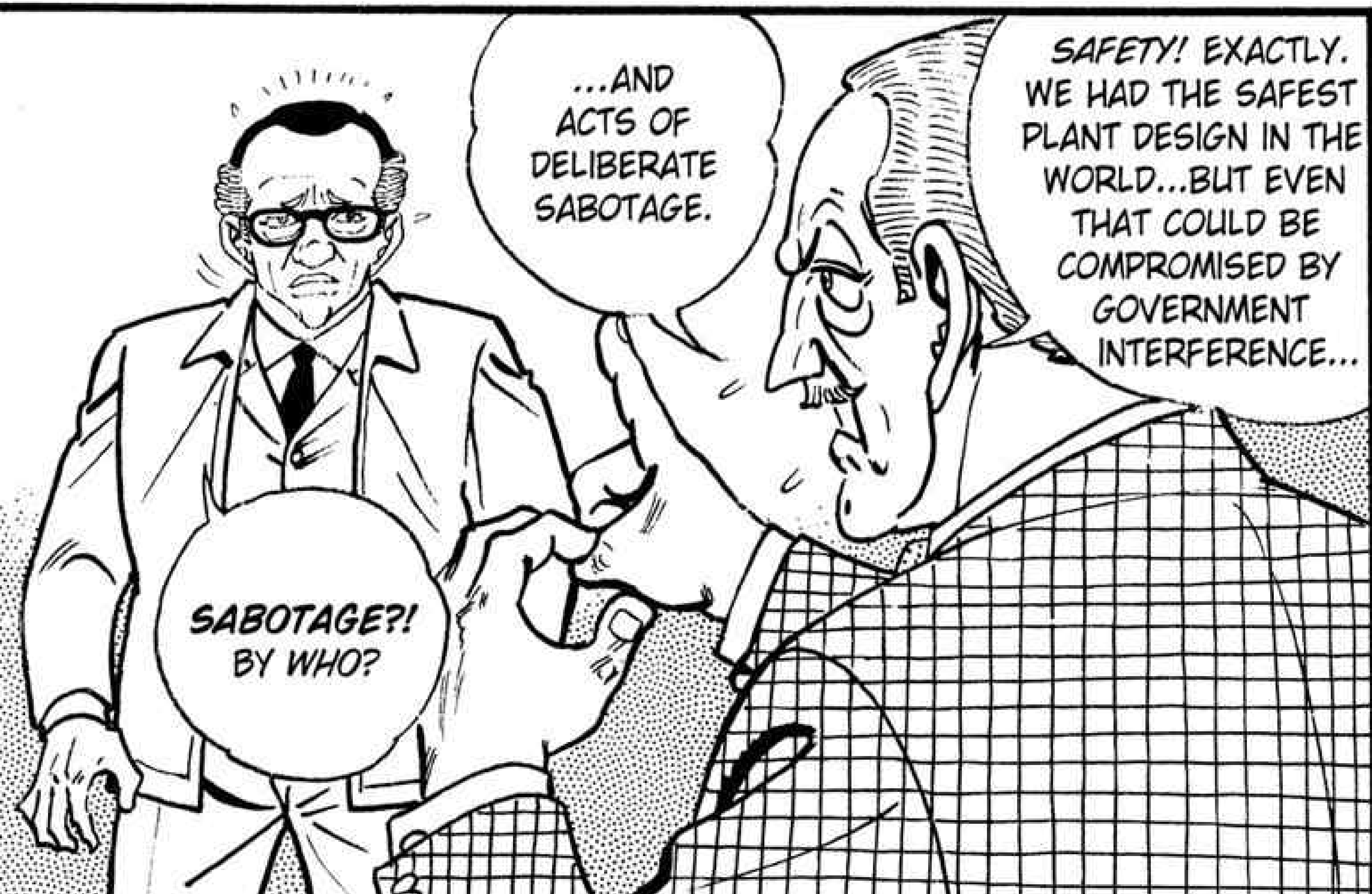
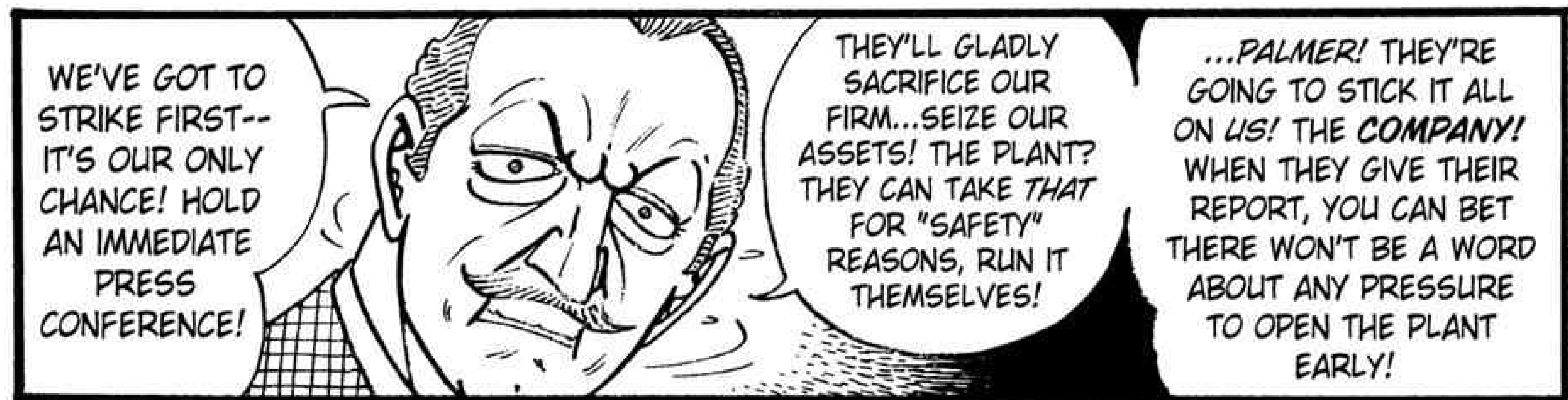
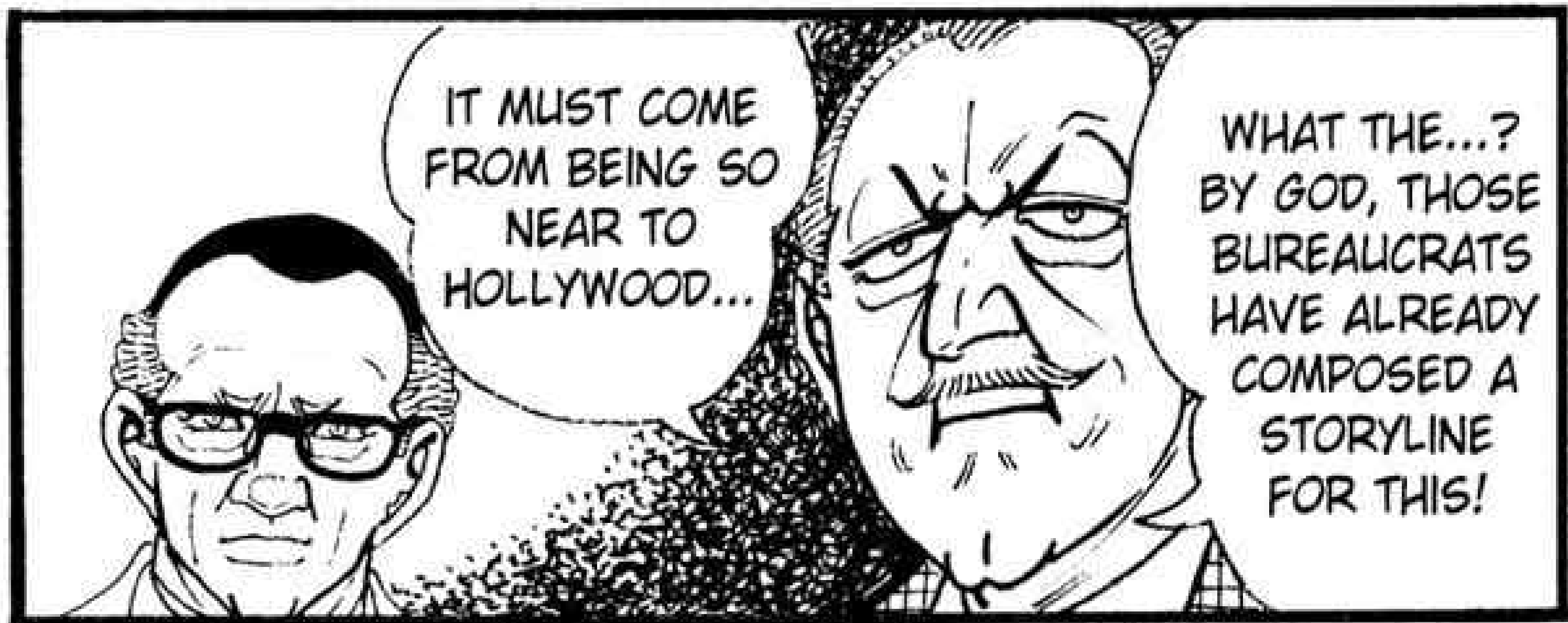
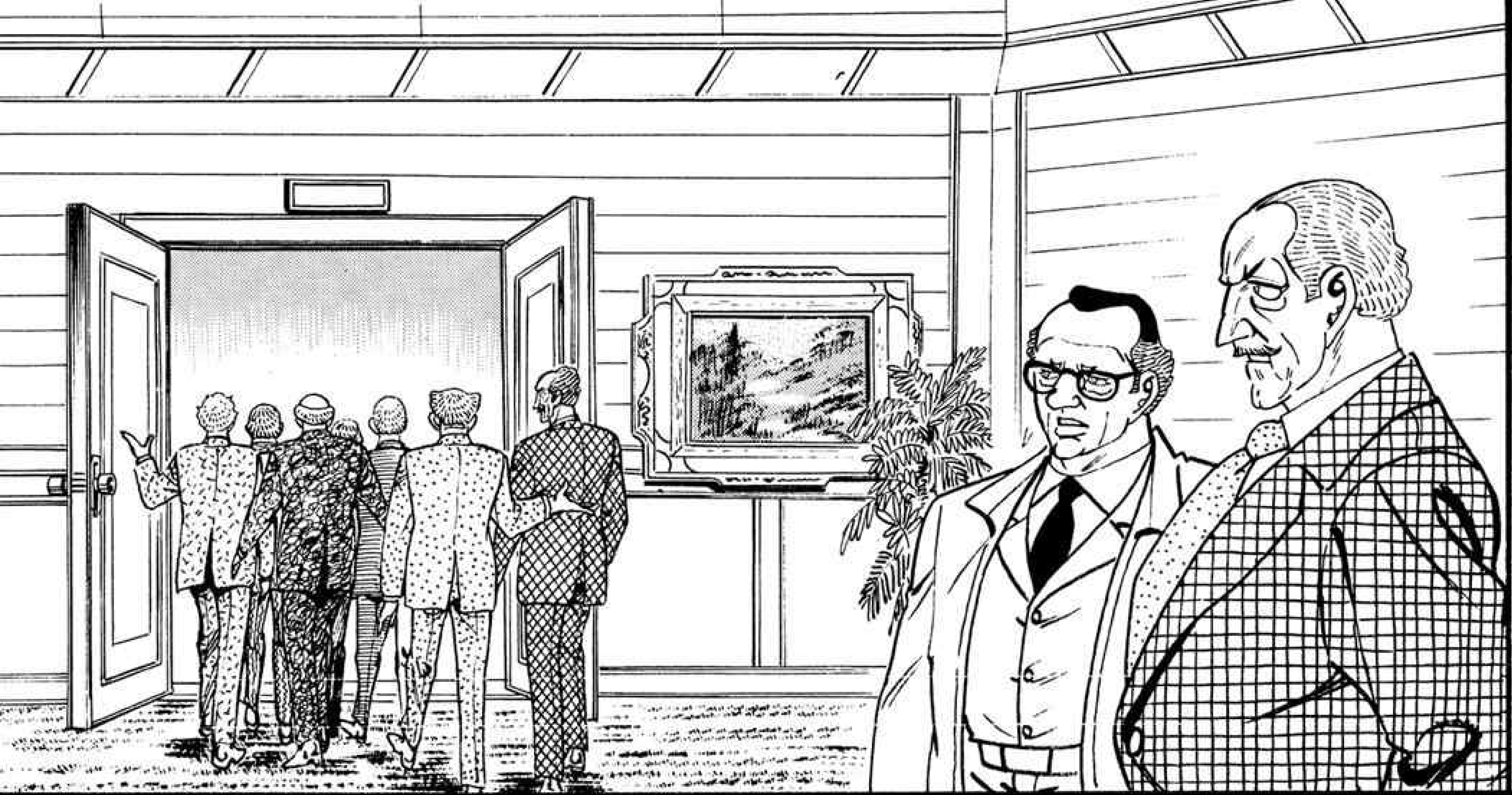
HE HAD A GUNSHOT WOUND...POSSIBLY, HE MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE PANIC TO ESCAPE...

AND THERE'S... THERE'S...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS, SIR, BUT IT'S TRAGIC NEWS... CHAIRMAN DEKLYPER WAS FOUND DEAD ON THE SITE.



WE SHOULD APPROACH IT IN THAT SPIRIT.

THIS IS INDEED A TRAGEDY FOR THE COMMISSION...AMIDST A GREATER RELIEF FOR THE CITIZENS WITH WHOSE SAFETY WE ARE ENTRUSTED.

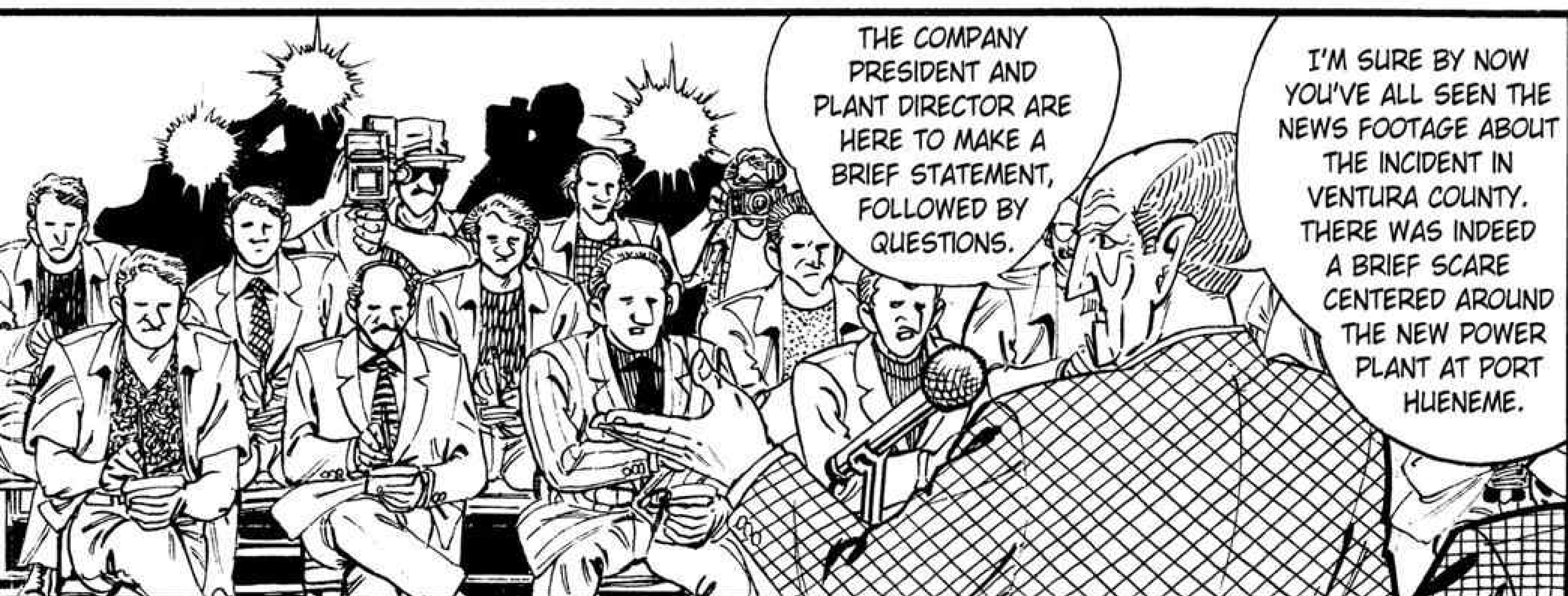
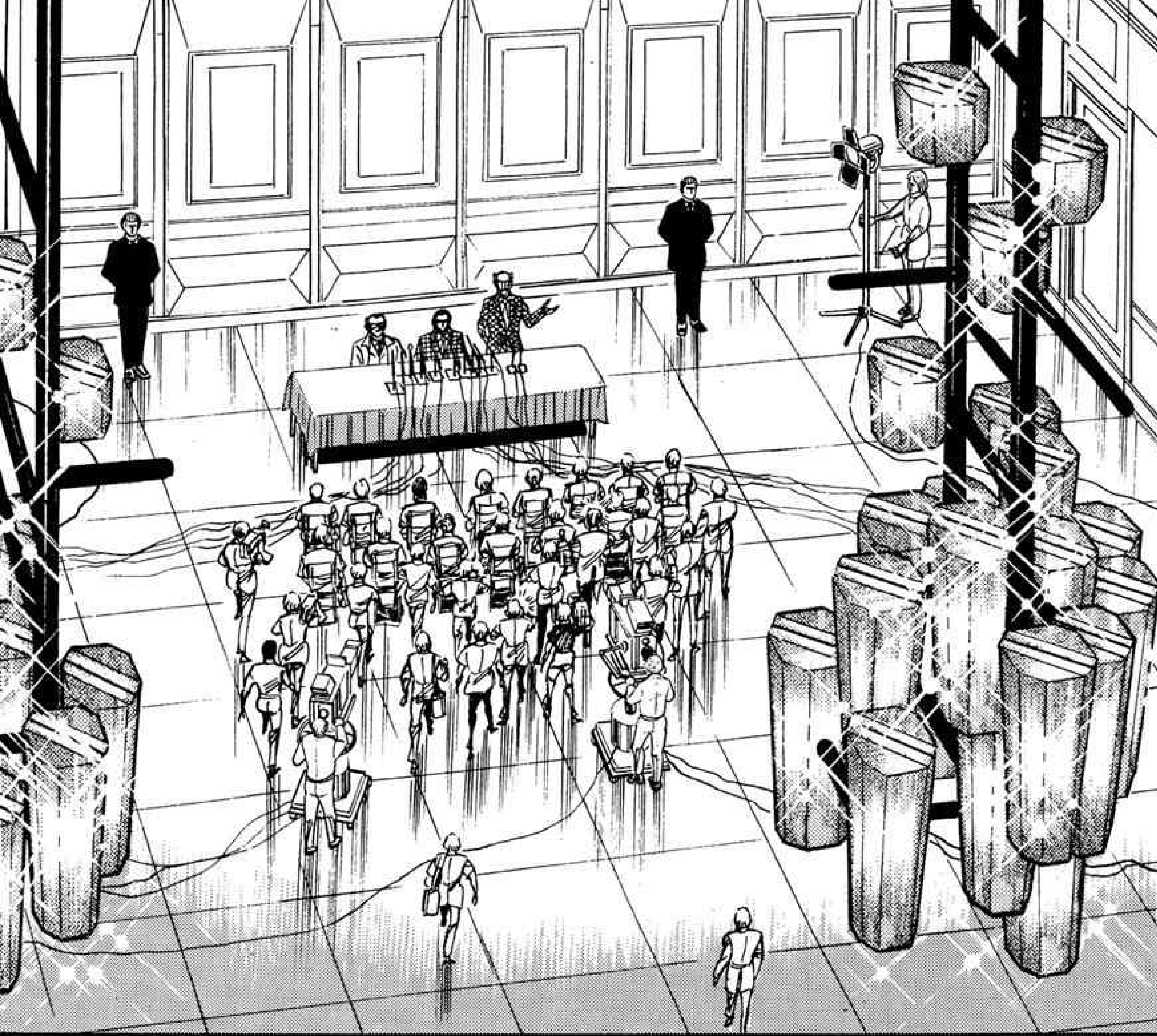






PART 19

PRESS CONFERENCE





A HIGHLY DEDICATED WORKER, YET PERHAPS AN UNFORTUNATE VICTIM, TOO, OF THIS ENFORCED SPEED-UP... IT APPEARS HE SUFFERED A BREAK-DOWN UNDER THE STRAIN.

MIGUEL ARAGÓN... SAFETY DIRECTOR AT COLONIA BARRIO.



...EVEN KNOWING THAT THERE WAS NEVER ANY REAL THREAT.

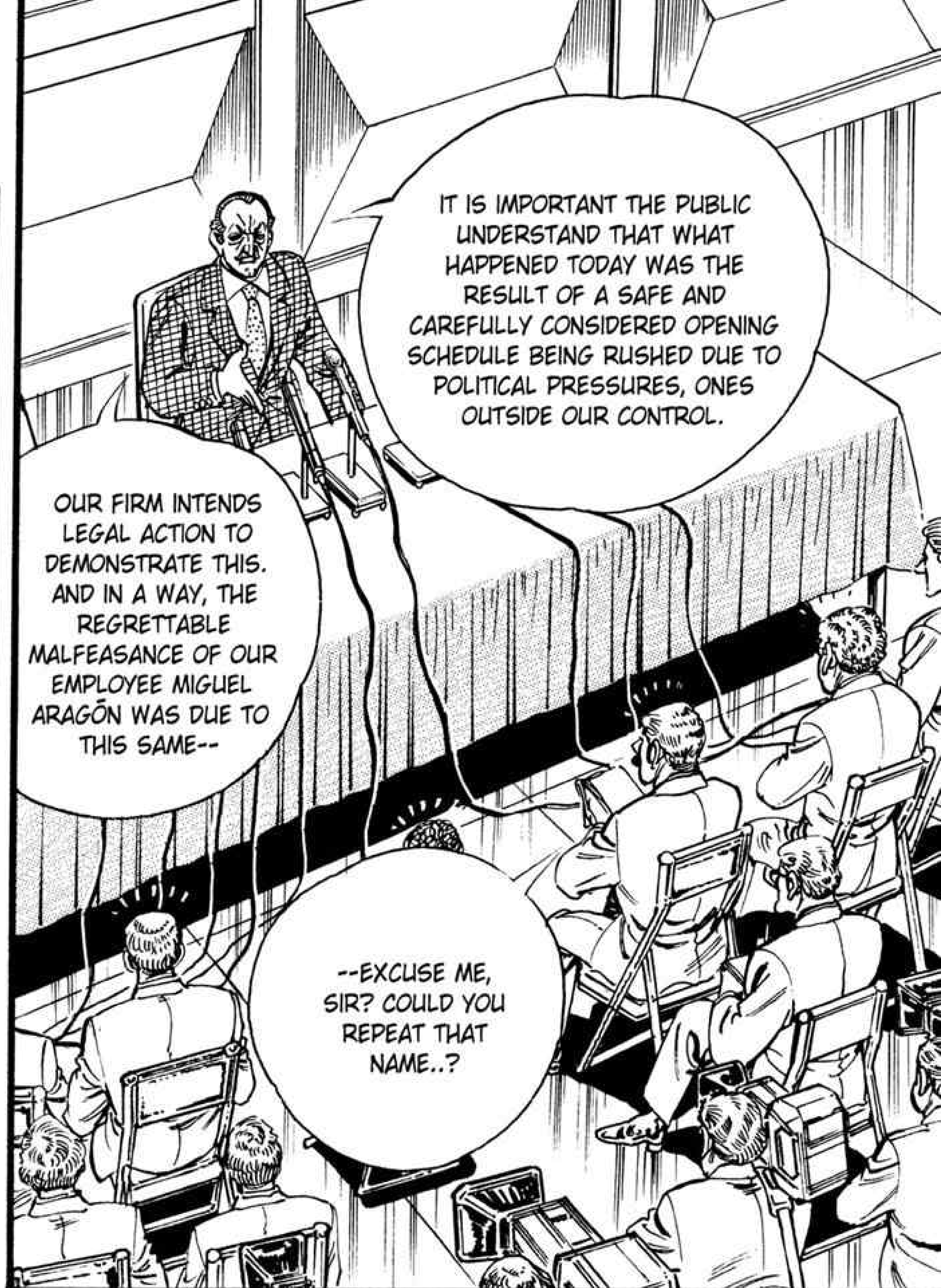
COMMITTING CERTAIN MINOR ACTS OF SABOTAGE, HE THEN ORDERED THE EVACUATION OF THE TOWN ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE...

HE HAD DEVELOPED SOMETHING OF A PERSECUTION COMPLEX, SEEING HIMSELF AS A MARTYR WHO HAD TO "SAVE" THE PUBLIC FROM THE IMAGINARY DANGERS OF THE PLANT.



...PLANT CHIEF, JERRY PALMER.

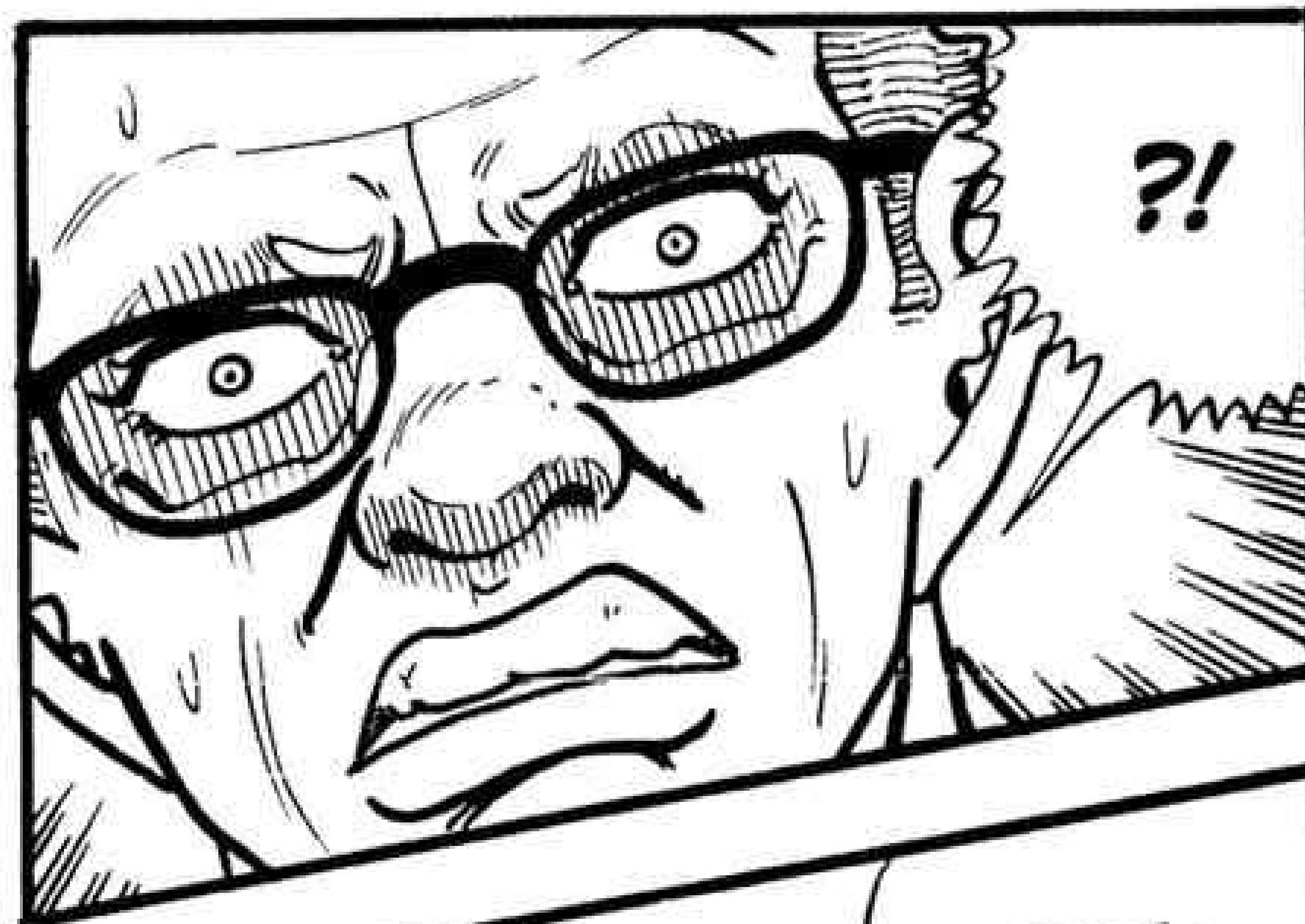
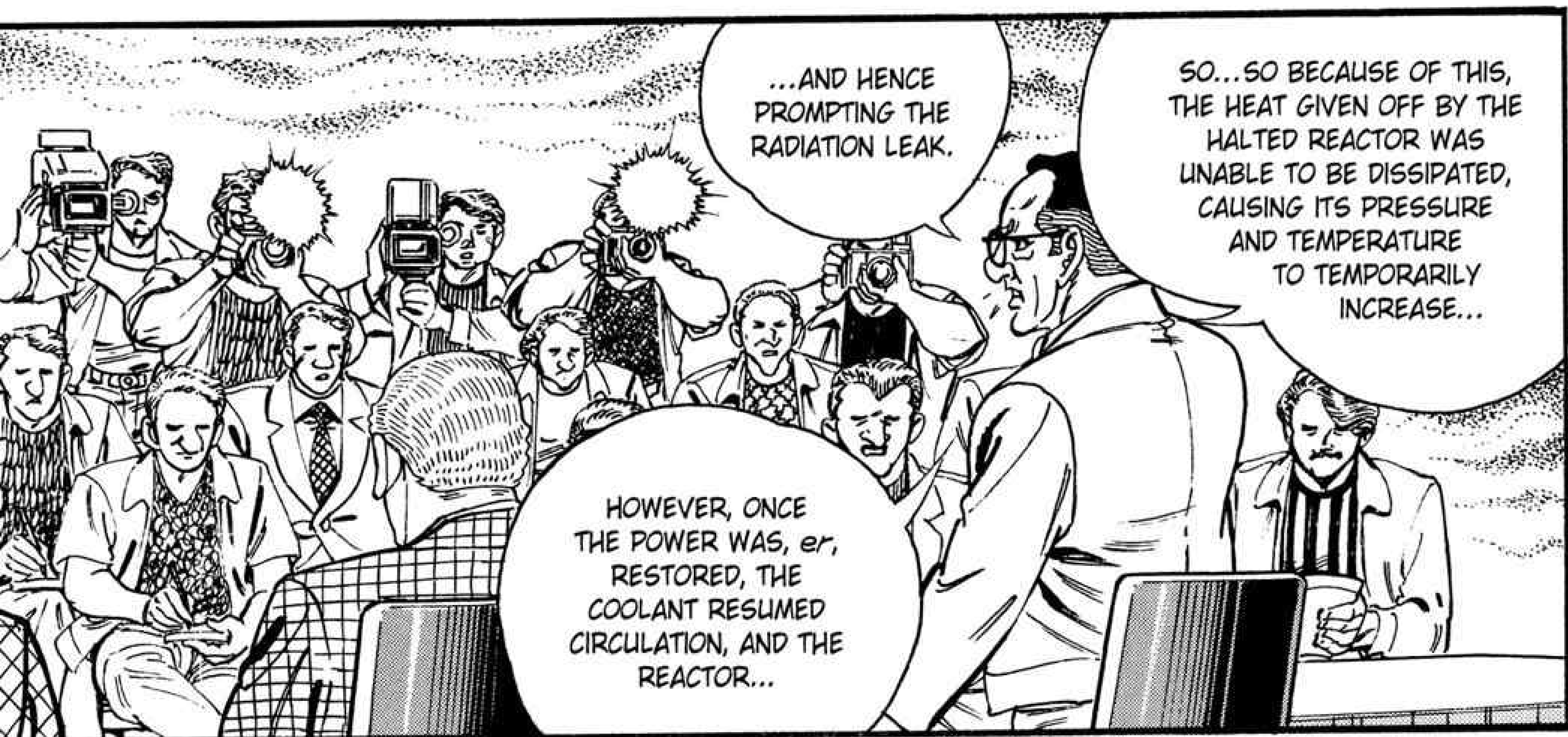
FOR THE TECHNICAL DETAILS, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN NOW TO MY COLLEAGUE...

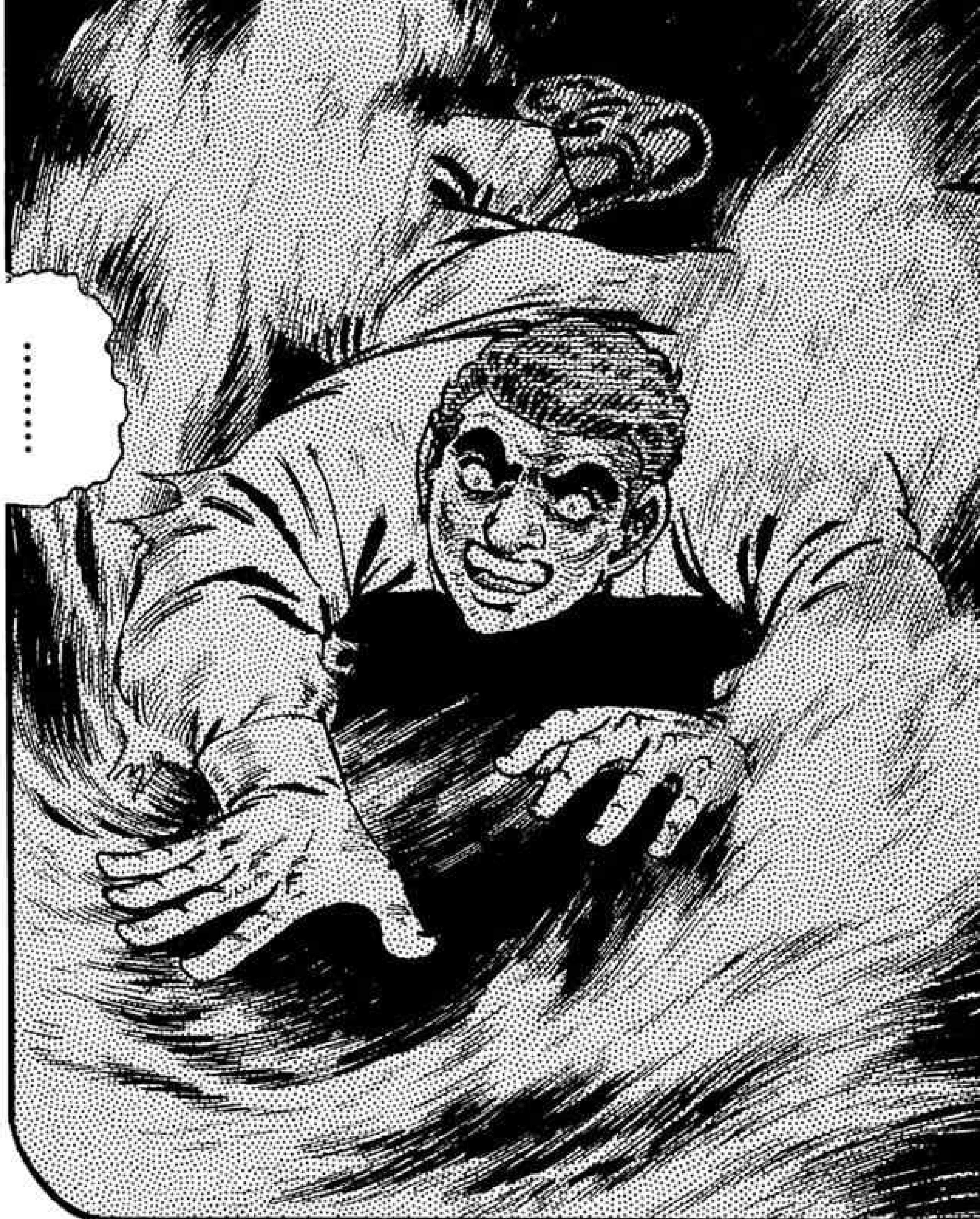
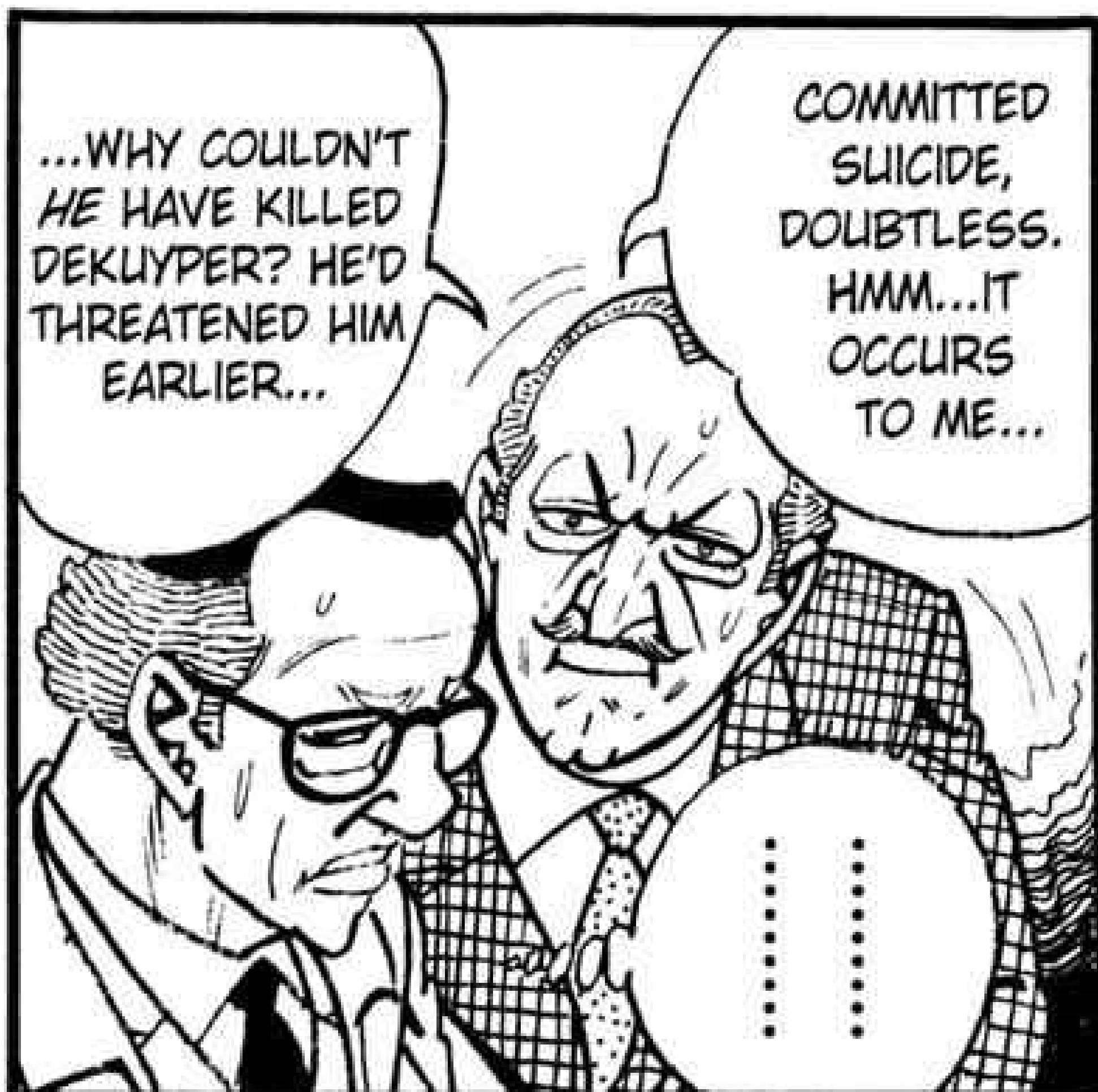


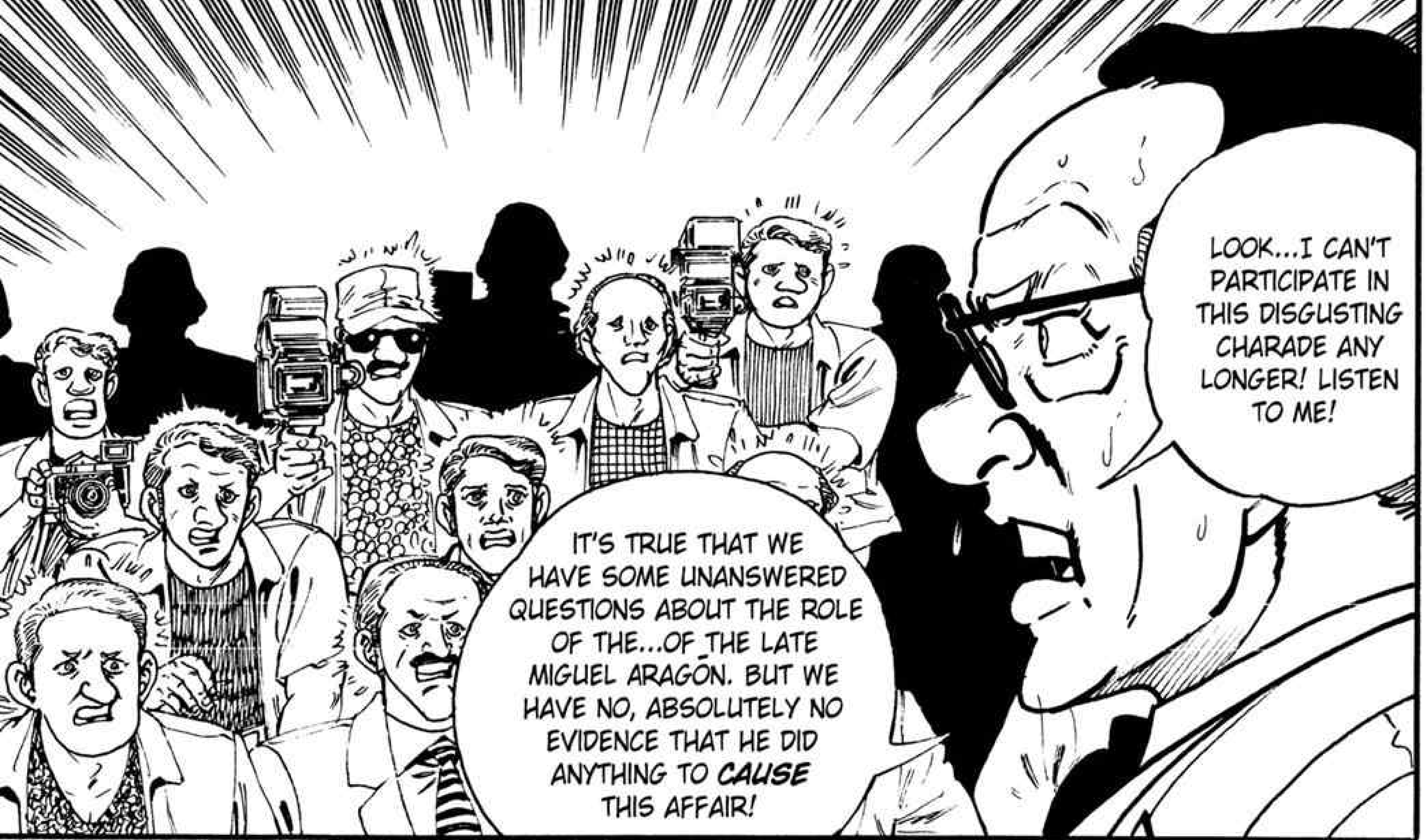
OUR FIRM INTENDS LEGAL ACTION TO DEMONSTRATE THIS. AND IN A WAY, THE REGRETTABLE MALFEASANCE OF OUR EMPLOYEE MIGUEL ARAGÓN WAS DUE TO THIS SAME--

IT IS IMPORTANT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY WAS THE RESULT OF A SAFE AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED OPENING SCHEDULE BEING RUSHED DUE TO POLITICAL PRESSURES, ONES OUTSIDE OUR CONTROL.

--EXCUSE ME, SIR? COULD YOU REPEAT THAT NAME..?







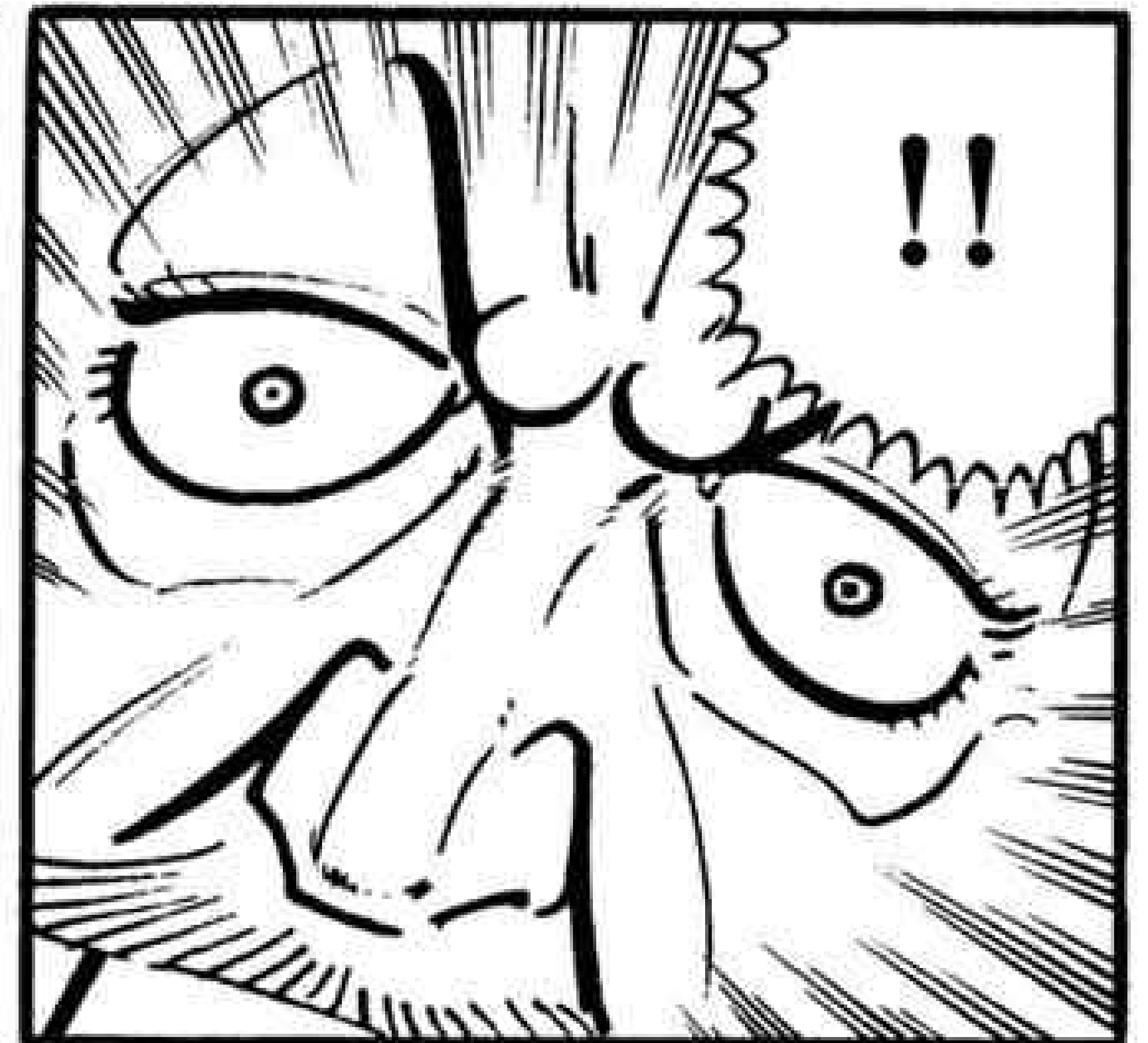
IT'S TRUE THAT WE HAVE SOME UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE...OF THE LATE MIGUEL ARAGÓN. BUT WE HAVE NO, ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT HE DID ANYTHING TO *CAUSE* THIS AFFAIR!

LOOK...I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN THIS DISGUSTING CHARADE ANY LONGER! LISTEN TO ME!



GET THE CAMERA ON THAT GUY!

WAIT A MINUTE... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!



I KNOW... SOUNDS LIKE A LITTLE DIS-AGREEMENT IN THE BACK OFFICE.

THEY'D BETTER MAKE UP THEIR MINDS BEFORE WE GO TO PRESS!

YOU GOING TO ELABORATE ON THAT, MR., UH, PALMER?



THERE WAS IN FACT A REAL THREAT, AND ARAGÓN ALONE AT THIS FIRM FACED UP TO IT.

ON THE CONTRARY, I BELIEVE HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF IN ORDER TO PREVENT A POSSIBLE DISASTER.

STOP IT, PALMER!! HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!



MIGUEL ARAGÓN IS DEAD...ONE OF THE HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO'VE DIED BECAUSE OF NUCLEAR POWER!



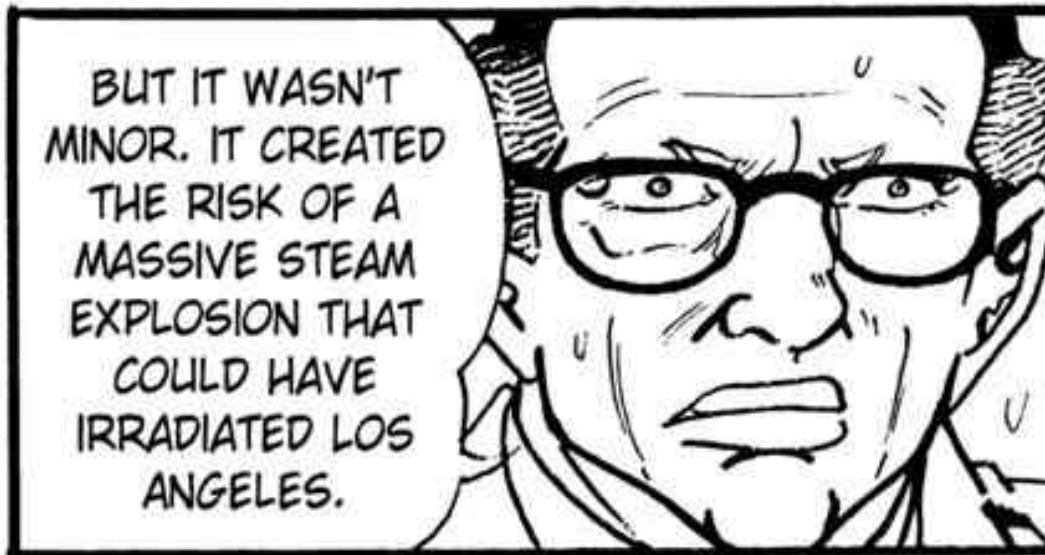
IRRADIATED... LOS ANGELES...? AND THEY TRIED TO TELL US...

...WE SHOULD HAVE NEVER LET THEM BUILD IT...



WHY ISN'T THE NRC CHAIRMAN HERE?

IS THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AWARE OF THIS?



BUT IT WASN'T MINOR. IT CREATED THE RISK OF A MASSIVE STEAM EXPLOSION THAT COULD HAVE IRRADIATED LOS ANGELES.

TRUSTING THAT THE INCIDENT WAS MINOR, WE CHOSE NOT TO FIGHT GOVERNMENT PRESSURE TO OPEN THE PLANT EARLY.

IN BRIEF, A RECENT ACCIDENT DURING CONSTRUCTION DAMAGED ONE OF THE REACTORS' SAFETY SYSTEMS. WE WERE AWARE OF THE ACCIDENT, BUT NOT THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE.



THEY ASKED ME TO KEEP QUIET, ASKED ME TO THINK OF THE BIGGER PICTURE...BUT I'M TALKING TO YOU BECAUSE...ONLY BECAUSE THEY PHRASED THE QUESTION WRONG...

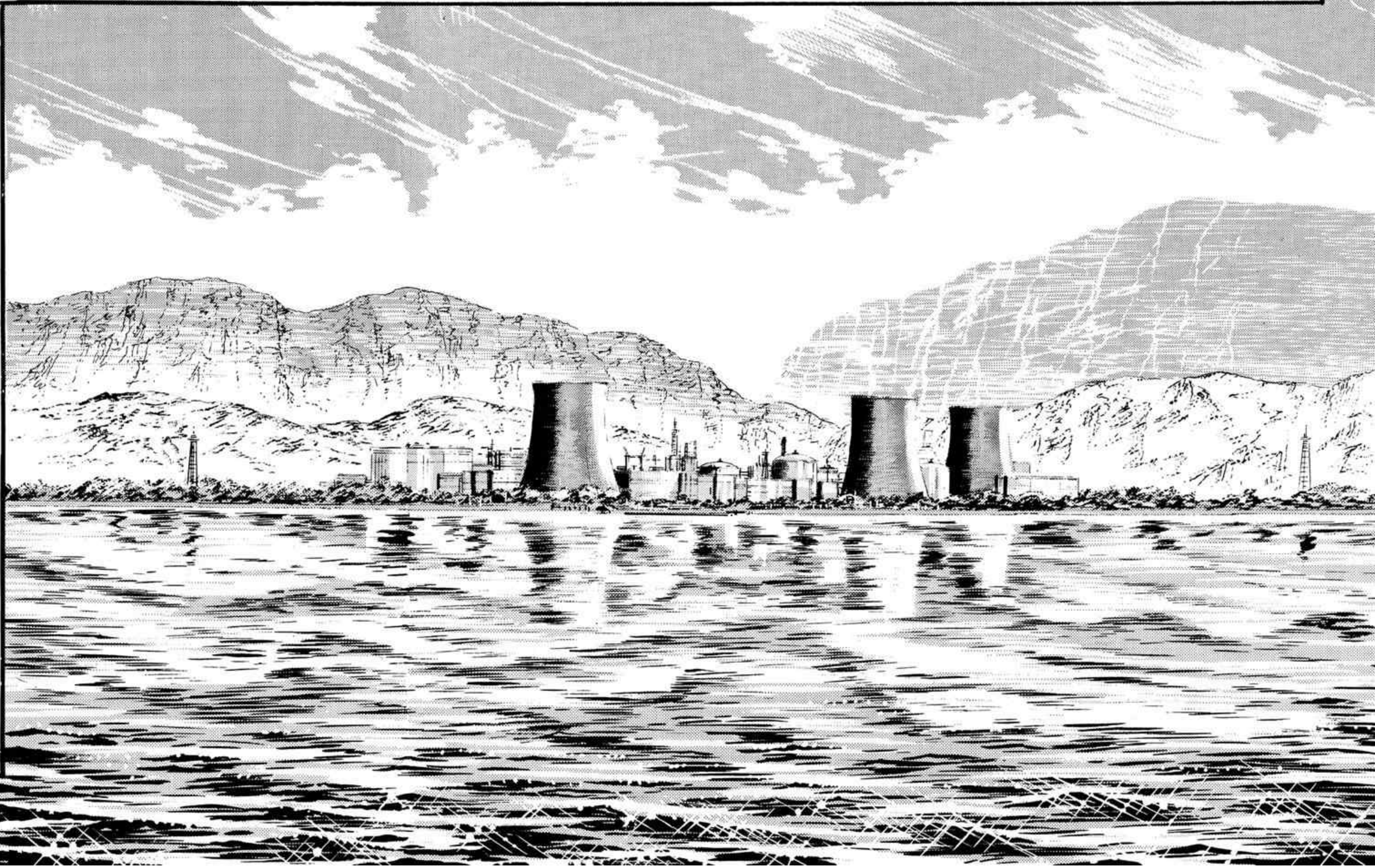
...NOT BECAUSE THERE ISN'T A BIGGER PICTURE.

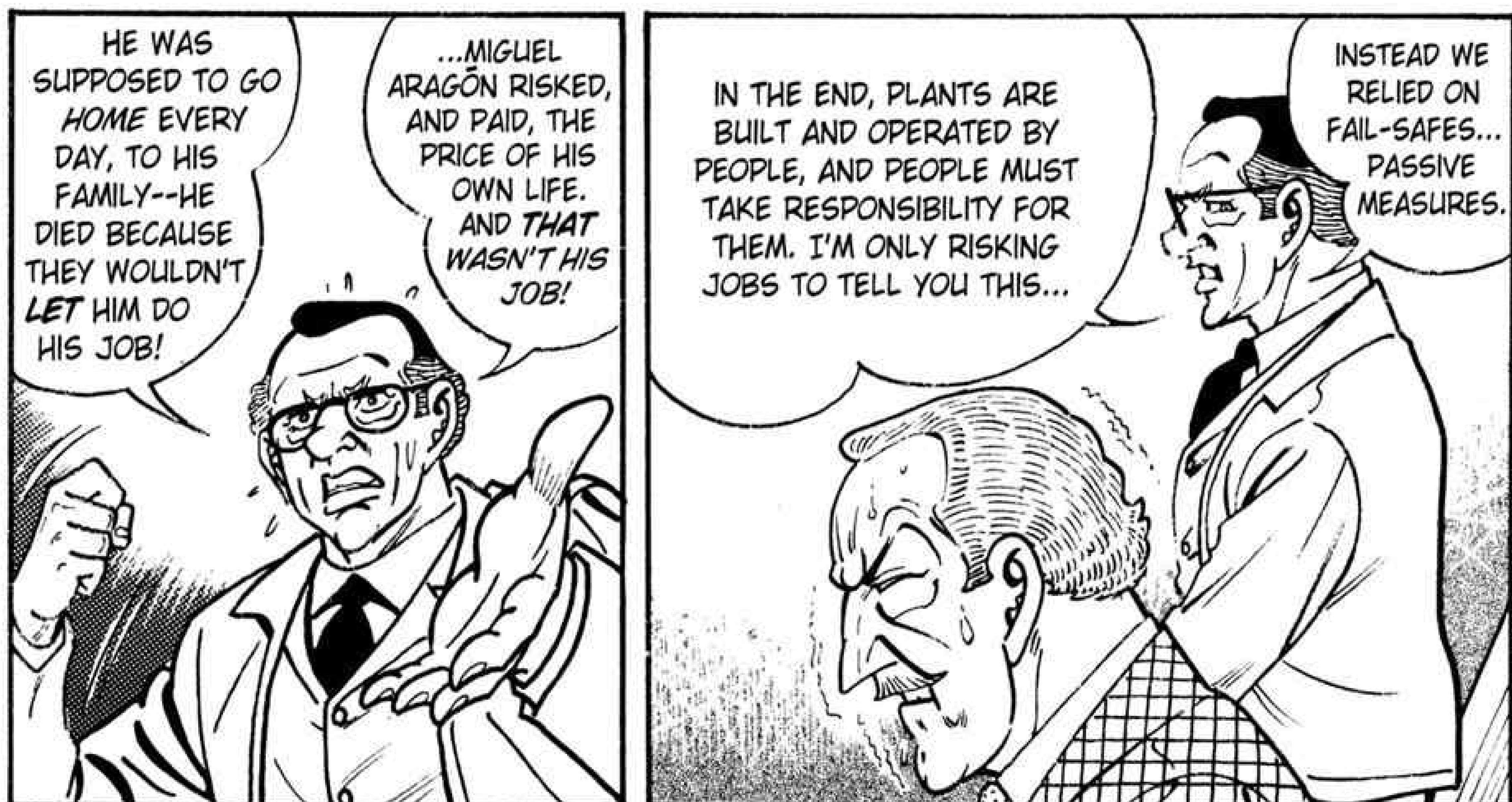
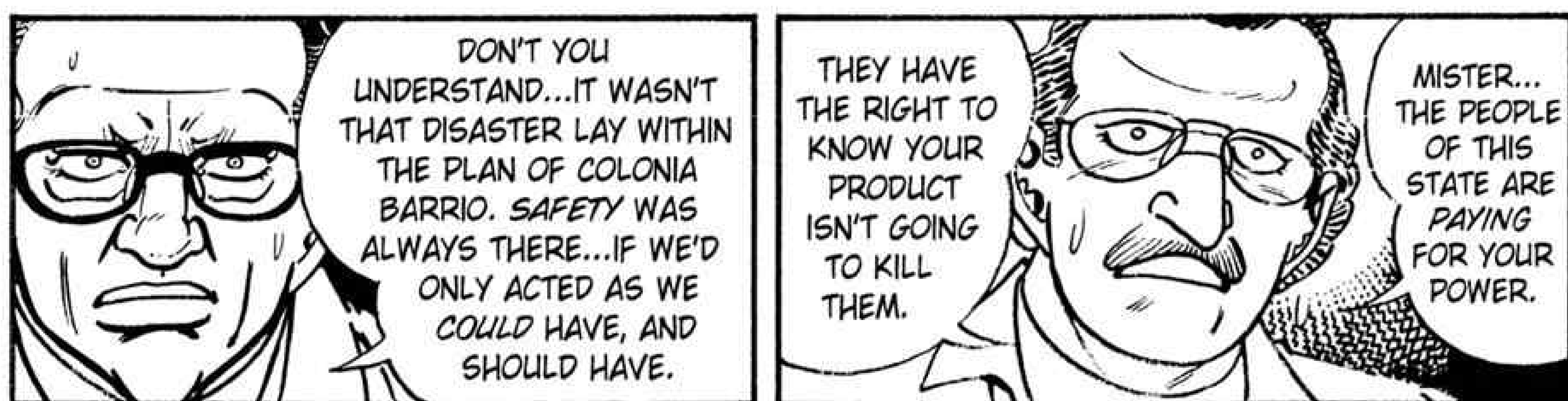
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



...FROM THE POLITICS INVOLVED IN OIL WARS...

ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO'VE DIED OF THE POLLUTION FROM BURNING COAL....







IS THIS TRUE?
WAS THERE
NEARLY AN
ACCIDENT?

MR. JOHNSON!
WOULD CARE TO
COMMENT ON THE
REMARKS BY YOUR
ASSOCIATE HERE?

DOES YOUR
COMPANY TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY?



THERE'S GOING
TO BE MORE
ACCIDENTS,
WON'T
THERE?

SO THIS
GUY WAS
SOME KIND
OF HERO?!



H-HE...HE
WAS...AND I
CAN'T TELL
YOU THERE
WON'T
BE.



WELL, THEN...DO
YOU HAVE AN
UNLIMITED SUPPLY
OF HEROES...?



...WE'RE HERE
BECAUSE I
MADE THE
WRONG
CHOICE.

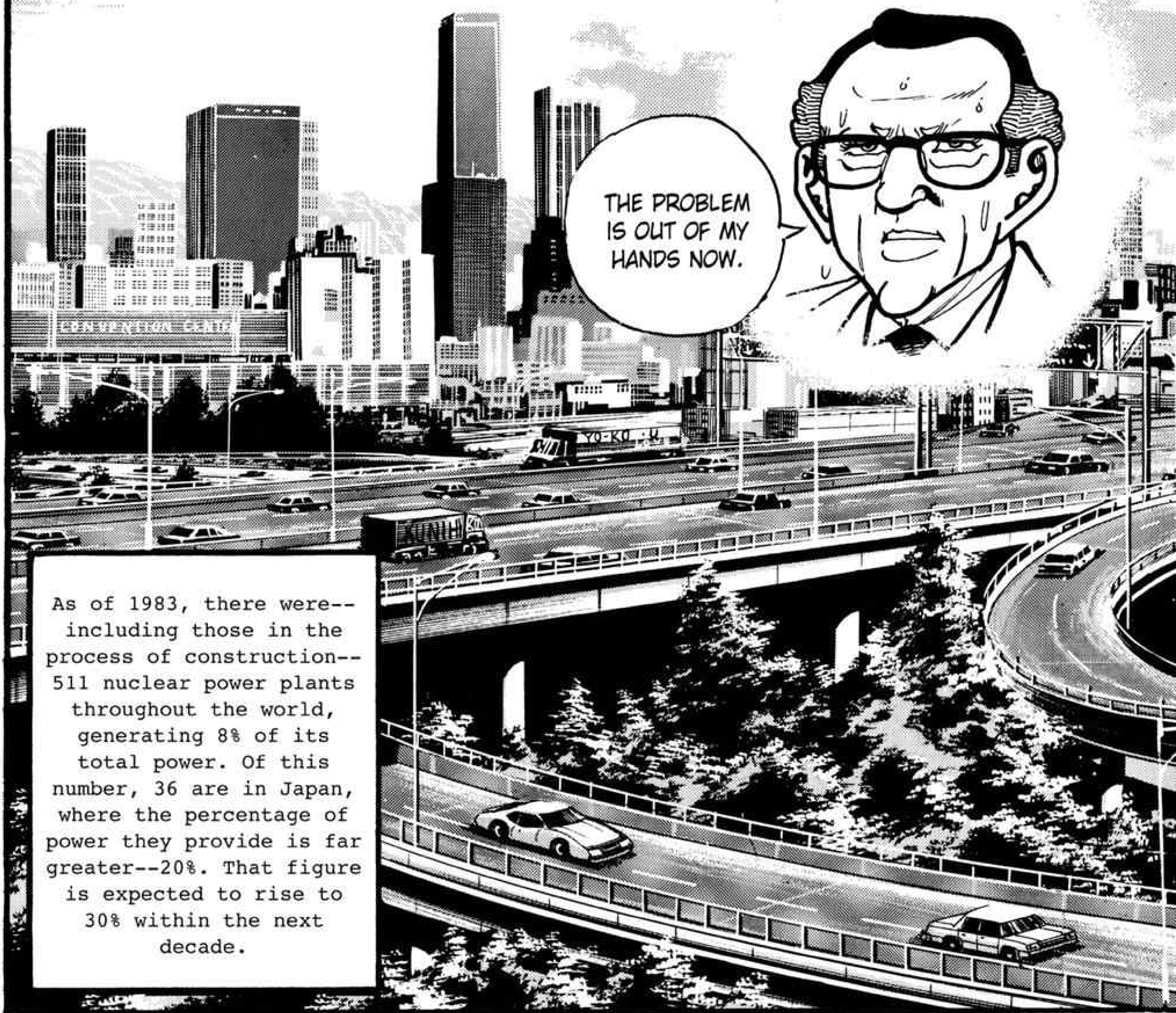
I DON'T
KNOW...



WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?!

WELL?





As of 1983, there were-- including those in the process of construction-- 511 nuclear power plants throughout the world, generating 8% of its total power. Of this number, 36 are in Japan, where the percentage of power they provide is far greater--20%. That figure is expected to rise to 30% within the next decade.

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